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Furniture store fire arson, police say

But no charges have been issued

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

The fire that destroyed Jack and Jill's Furniture store is now classified as arson, police said.

"After preliminary investigation and lab analysis, (we're) classifying the Jack and Jill's fire as being incendiary in origin, as opposed to one of natural causes," Maj. Kip Pomeroy of the Granite City Police Department said Wednesday. "We're investigating it as an accelerated arson."

Police aren't pointing to any particular suspects yet, Pomeroy said, but the owners of the store are not really considered suspects. The Nov. 23 fire obliterated the store at 1261 Niedringhaus and damaged surrounding buildings. Whatever agent was the cause of

the fire smoldered for several hours and then backdrafted, fire officials have said. A backdraft describes a fire that smolders without actually bursting into flames. It spreads until it runs out of oxygen, and all the while builds up intense heat.

Once a smoldering fire suddenly gets a new source of oxygen, the high temperature and burning embers in the air would have an explosive effect.

Little but rubble remained after firefighters put out the flames.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was called in to assist with the investigation at the request of the police and fire departments. The ATF has cause and origin specialists, arson specialists and specially-trained dogs that joined the police and fire departments' own arson and cause and origin specialists in the investigation.

FEMA cites trouble with village communications

Agency proceeds with flood program probation

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

Communication is apparently the biggest problem facing Pontoon Beach in dealing with its floodplain problems.

According to David Schein, senior program specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the village stopped communicating with the agency several months ago and contacted them only recently after complaints from residents.

"There was a drop-off of communication for two or three months where we haven't heard anything," he said. "We had been getting almost monthly updates from the committee that had been appointed."

Because of the "long-standing" nature of the problems, FEMA went ahead with the

probation process.

Mayor Glen Wilson said Friday that he disagreed and that the village had been communicating with FEMA. Schein said they had not been told if the village had been implementing the plan, and then homeowners in the Quality Beach Mobile Homes trailer park and Timberlake Subdivision started calling.

In mid-October, FEMA sent a letter to Mayor Glen Wilson telling him that FEMA was moving ahead with terminating the village's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

It specifically cited "repeated attempts to maintain active communication with the village" over its status.

"Although we believed there have been

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Furbies are top draw for holiday shopping

Warm weather draws early crowd

By Alone Hill
 Correspondent

"Unseasonably warm weather and plenty of sales coaxed area residents out in the wee hours of the morning Friday, the first day of the Christmas shopping season."

Shoppers lined up outside the Collinsville Wal-Mart, 601 Belt Line Road, at 2:30 a.m. to take advantage of sales and a limited supply of Furbies, this season's hot item.

"We only had 36 of them when the store opened and we had to turn 40 people away," said Wal-Mart service manager Bonnie Brown.

Ray Hoback of Granite City, Wal-Mart general manager,

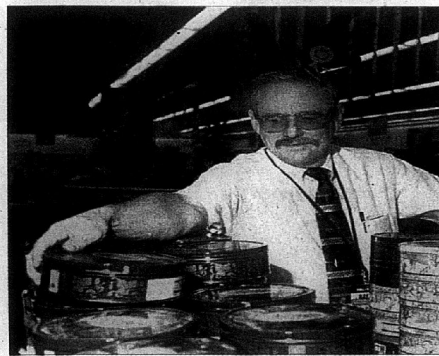
said the line for Furbies was orderly, unlike at other stores. "I heard there was a fight in a nearby Wal-Mart and I talked to a store in Indiana and they had to arrest 15 people," he said.

Hoback said more Furbies were on order but he wasn't sure when the shipment would arrive or how many it would include.

Rochelle O'Leary and her husband, Bob, arrived at the store at 7:15 a.m., too late for a Furby or an Arthur game.

"We didn't make it early enough for those, but we have found other things on the list," Rochelle said.

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John Swistak Jr., photo
 Ray Hoback, Wal-Mart general manager, stacks gift items at the store Friday.



John Swistak Jr. photo

Victory!

Collinsville police Detective Sgt. David Roth throws a left at Granite City firefighter Jeffery Joyce during the 11th annual Metro Budweiser Boxing Showdown Wednesday night at the Kiel Center. Roth defeated Joyce by a technical knockout. The event pits police officers against firefighters to benefit the St. Louis Backstoppers. Glen Carbon firefighter Brent Ahlers won a 5-0 decision against Collinsville Detective Bob Carpenter, and Fairmont City Police Chief Scott Penny lost by TKO to firefighter Greg Brown of Eureka, Mo. For more on the event see Wednesday's Journal.

Area investment tops \$100 million

National Steel, Dial projects biggest industrial expenditures

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

Commercial and industrial development investment for projects in the Tri-City area topped \$135 million, according to figures released as part of the annual Market Review and Investment Update by the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

Most of that — approximately \$89 million — is industrial investment.

The largest industrial projects were \$30.2 million for recently completed improvements at National Steel Corp. in Granite City and \$24 million for the new Dial Corp. warehouse and

distribution center near the Illinois 111 and Interstate 270 intersection.

Other industrial projects in the Tri-City area included \$12.5 million for the new Midwest Metal Coatings plant, \$9.5 million for National Robinson LLC, the joint venture between National Steel and Robinson Steel, a \$9 million expansion by Lanter Co., \$2.1 million for an expansion of Prairie Farms Dairy, \$1.2 million in improvements to the Tri-City Port dock and \$600,000 for improvements to the Tri-City Port Harbor Side Industrial Park.

The two largest commercial projects are \$29

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Man will face charges in crash

Two died in Oct. 24 accident

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

Charges are expected to be filed this Tuesday against a driver involved in the fatal crash that killed two local teens.

GRANITE CITY Maj. Kip Pomeroy of the Granite City Police Department said Wednesday that the Madison County State's Attorney's office would file charges against Steven W. Harp of Alton.

At this point it's anybody's guess what the exact charges will be, Pomeroy said. They

could probably be reckless homicide, aggravated DUI or a straight driving under the influence charge.

Neighbors and church friends Lai Juan M. Mathis, 17, and Christina Hocking, 15, died at the scene of the two-car crash Oct. 24 at St. Thomas Road and Illinois 3. The students, members of Trinity Tabernacle in Madison, were returning from a church-related event.

The crash occurred at approximately 3 a.m. Saturday morning. The church van's driver, Joan L. Brown of

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 Scott Connell, Meteorologist
 KSDQ-TV, News Channel 5, Weather Source Team

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Volkswagen scores hit with redesigned Jetta
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Area jobs, population show growth

Leadership Council report shows steady rise in employment

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Employment and population in Southwestern Illinois continue to show steady growth, according to information released by the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

The Council's annual Market Review and Investment Update showed almost \$3.5 billion in public and private sector investment in the Madison/St. Clair county area.

In addition to tracking investment, the report also details retail sales, housing and other economic data.

The study showed a total of 10,194 firms employing 147,630 people in 1997, up from 8,136 firms employing 116,718 people 10 years ago.

"Between 1987 and 1997, Southwestern Illinois experienced a net private sector employment increase of 28,912," the report said. "This represents a 25 percent increase in the last 10 years, or an average annual job growth of 2.5 percent."

Most of the increase is in construction, retail trade, finance and communications-related companies.

The unemployment rate showed a slight increase from 1996, rising to 6 percent from 5.8 percent.

The total number of workers in Southwestern Illinois is 249,525.

Of those, about 25 percent work in retail, 18 percent in manufacturing and 13 percent in health services.

"Manufacturing has been kind of a

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Jim Pennekamp
Council director

foundation upon which everything else is built on," said Jim Pennekamp, executive director of the Council.

He said manufacturing employment remains stable, but needs to be looked at, especially with recent layoffs in the steel industry and the potential loss of the Jefferson-Smurf plant in Alton.

"It is something that we have to pay attention to," Pennekamp said. "The economic history of Southwestern Illinois is the history of industry in the United States. We relied very, very heavily on basic industries for employment."

He said the companies now employing people are strong companies, but that they need help.

Retail sales in Madison and St. Clair counties topped \$4.5 billion in 1997. St. Clair County recorded \$2.285.7 billion in sales, while Madison county

showed \$2.274 billion. Fairview Heights led local communities in retail sales, racking up \$662.9 million for the year. That was followed by Belleville — \$562.5 million; Alton — \$410.3 million; Collinsville — \$343.2 million; O'Fallon — \$306.4 million; and Granite City — \$278.5 million.

In residential development, 1,815 residential construction permits were issued in the two-county area. As in previous years, Edwardsville and O'Fallon had the largest number of permits issued, with 150 for Edwardsville and 298 for O'Fallon.

Pennekamp said residential growth is very consistent, but that development is bringing its own problems.

"As areas develop, there are going to be challenges in dealing with it in terms of transportation," he said. The Council's report cited \$728.6 million in public transportation projects completed in the past 5 years.

Recently completed projects include the \$274.6 million renovation of the Poplar Street Bridge complex, \$220 million for MidAmerica Airport and \$114 million for the Clark Bridge at Alton.

Leading the list of announced projects is \$500 million for a new Mississippi River Bridge and \$348.9 million for the St. Clair County MetroLink extension.

"Southwestern Illinois has invested heavily in its transportation infrastructure in the past, and that investment is resulting in extensive commercial and industrial development today," the report said.

Man faces charges in alleged sexual abuse

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

A St. Clair County man faces sexual abuse charges for allegedly fondling two adolescent Collinsville girls. Mark J. Vanderiet, 37, of the 300 block of Bethel Meadows, near Caseyville, was charged Wednesday with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. He remained in the Madison County Jail on Friday in lieu of \$75,000 bail.

According to Collinsville police, Vanderiet is accused of inappropriately touching two 12-year-old girls while visiting one of the victims' homes. Collinsville Police Detective Tom Coppotelli said Vanderiet is a friend of the mother of one of the girls. The other victim is a friend of that

child's and was staying overnight at her friend's Collinsville home Nov. 22 when the incident occurred.

"One of the girls woke up to find he was fondling her through her underwear and saw him do the same thing to the other girl who was sleeping," Coppotelli said.

"That girl, who does not live in the home where the alleged incident occurred, related the incident to her parents when she returned home later that day. The parents called police."

Coppotelli said that earlier the same day, Vanderiet allegedly had fondled one of the girls' breasts but stopped when the victim asked him to.

Police said Vanderiet has a prior criminal history in St. Clair County.

Man will be charged in crash

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Granite City, had just dropped off a passenger at a house on St. Thomas. The group, members of Trinity Tabernacle, had just returned from a church rally in Lebanon.

Police said after stopping, Brown pulled into the path of a northbound car, driven by Harp, while attempting to reach the southbound lanes.

Mathis and Hocking were thrown from the van. According to police, they were not wearing their seat belts.

Another passenger, Valencia Thomas, 15, of Madison, was also injured.

Police rescued Harp from his burning car. His leg was broken. After emergency medical technicians took him to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, he was transferred to St. Louis University Medical Center.

Pomeroy said Harp was tested for alcohol, and the tests revealed his blood alcohol content was approximately twice the legal limit.

Investments topped \$100 million

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million in completed improvements to Gateway International Raceway in Madison and the adjacent \$8 million Gateway National Golf Links.

The raceway figures do not take into consideration announced improvements to the track for the coming year, including an additional 20,000 seats, a tunnel to the track infield and additional improvements.

Other improvements include \$8 million for two Walgreens stores in Granite City, one already completed and another that has been announced; \$2.5

million for the Rural Route Country Kitchen restaurant, part of a proposed business and commercial park in Pontoon Beach; and \$1 million for the new Granite City Dairy Queen.

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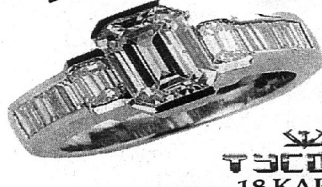
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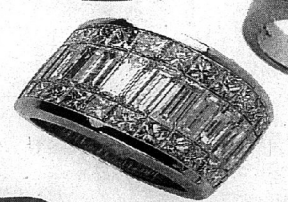


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Police discover cocaine

Man arrested after traffic stop

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Police said they discovered 20 rocks of crack cocaine in a Granite City man's car during a routine traffic stop.

GRANITE CITY Last week Granite City police arrested Shurone D. Newsome, 20, of the 1400 block of Grand Avenue, after stopping him for stopping in the middle of the road and then turning without a signal.

After police stopped Newsome, an officer spotted a bottle of liquor inside the glove compartment. Newsome had opened to retrieve his license and registration.

Officers were in the middle of arresting him for transporting alcohol illegally when they found the crack during the pat down, police said.

The officer found the 26 rocks of crack cocaine hidden inside two Zippo lighters, said Maj. Kip Pomeroy. The officer had apparently become suspicious when he shook the lighters and they made noise lighters don't normally make.

He was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

The bust was the biggest Granite City cocaine bust in several years, Pomeroy said.

Newsome was taken to Madison County Jail. Bail was set at \$15,000.



Honored

Granite City Elks Lodge 1063 recently recognized the students of the month. Pictured are, from left, Ken Shipp, Cory Lee Simpson, Julie Ann Mills, Jason Dean Acord and Greg Nighohssian, chairman.

Fitzgerald makes stop in East St. Louis

By Jason White
Staff writer

U.S. Sen.-elect Peter Fitzgerald greeted MetroLink commuters in East St. Louis Tuesday as part of a statewide Thanksgiving week tour. "I want to be back," he said before departing for the next leg of his nine-city post-election tour. "Everyone was very nice for me."

Fitzgerald spoke to one woman who told him MetroLink was saving her money because she doesn't have to pay for parking in St. Louis.

"The MetroLink is an example of something that's helped people get to and from their jobs," Fitzgerald said. "Whatever we can do to make

it easier for people to have productive employment, I want to make it easier."

Fitzgerald said he also supports the federal Empowerment Zone initiative, which allocates funds to stimulate investment, create jobs and expand businesses. The zones also provide tax incentives for business that create jobs.

Fitzgerald, a state legislator, said his new member status to the federal government is a plus because he won't be " beholden to special interests."

"I can do what I think is right," he said. Marilyn M. Merriweather, a lifelong East St. Louisan, said she appreciated the visit to East St. Louis, where Fitzgerald received 106 votes to Carol Moseley-Braun's 8,683.

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Opinions



Sound Off
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Gun violence should be priority

Problem is increasingly a
major health-care issue

By Dr. Gary Gardner
Illinois and six other states
have the dubious distinction
of killing more young people
(age 15-24) per capita with
guns than with cars. More
than 1,400 people in Illinois
were killed with guns in
1996, and many times that
number were shot and
injured.

When the next governor
comes into office, he needs
to make the issue of gun
violence a top priority. It's
clear people in Illinois see
gun violence as a major
public health hazard.
According to a recent
Chicago Tribune poll, the
majority of people in Illinois
— including those downstate
support preserving gun
control regulations already
in place and want to
strengthen them further.

Gun violence is not just a
criminal justice issue, but
increasingly, a strain on our
health system. Many
families lack the resources
or the insurance to pay for
medical bills. Citizens in
Illinois end up footing the
bill indirectly for the high
price of medical care from
gunshot wounds and
recovery and rehabilitative
services.

According to a report from
Children's Memorial Medical
Center in Chicago, the
government picked up the
tab for more than \$30
million in the care of
pediatric gunshot patients
during a three-year period.

To begin with, the
governor and public officials
need to make a commitment
to uphold the current gun
control laws. Some of these
are already under attack. In
1996, the well-organized,
well-financed gun lobby
almost succeeded in
overturning an Illinois law
prohibiting the carrying of
concealed firearms. They
may try again this year,
despite the fact that the law
has strong support with 70
percent of those polled by
the *Tribune* opposing
allowing concealed weapons
in the state.

This attempt to overthrow
the concealed weapons law
is part of a disturbing "wild
west" trend which condones
the carrying of concealed
weapons into streets,
restaurants, churches and
other common areas. Such
mentality can only drive our
firearm epidemic statistics
higher. It also runs counter
to public sentiment for more
strict controls.

The ability for local
communities to supersede
state gun laws is also under
attack. Illinois currently

acknowledges local laws
passed by communities
restricting handguns in its
neighborhoods. These local
laws override weaker state
laws. Unless the governor
commits to preserving this
aspect of local self-governance, handgun
bans passed by local
communities, such as Oak
Park, could be overturned.

The governor and elected
officials also should pass
new laws that address this
public health hazard in our
state. One straightforward
uncontroversial measure is a
Child Access Prevention law
that requires gun-owning
parents to keep their
weapons secured and out of
their children's reach. No
one, parents or otherwise,
can argue against this
common sense proposition.
Fifteen states already have
instituted CAP laws.

Preliminary research
suggests they help cut
accidental gun deaths
among children.
Also, while many of the
guns used in crimes end up
on the street illegally, some
of them originally were
purchased legally through a
program from the Bureau of Alcohol,
Tobacco and Firearms say
as many as 60 percent of the
guns recovered and traced
from crimes were purchased
legally at one time.

Purchasing guns with the
intent to resell them is
technically illegal. However,
because Illinois has no limit
on the number of guns
anyone can purchase from
licensed gun shops, it's all
too easy for a person to buy
several guns and resell them
illegally to juveniles, felons
or others.

To reduce the likelihood of
the illegal reselling of guns,
Illinois needs a "one gun a
month" law, which would
restrict the purchase of
firearms in a year to 12.

Illinois citizens want safer
streets and safer homes. If
the next governor is serious
about serving the needs of
the people of Illinois, he
must make these life-saving
measures an immediate
priority. Illinois cannot
afford to waste any more
resources — human or
financial — on gun violence.

Gardner is a pediatrician
in private practice in
Danville. He is a past
president of the Illinois
Chapter of the American
Academy of Pediatrics and
is a member of the Handgun
Epidemic Lowering Plan
Network.



George Ryan may face early dilemma

His dealings with Madigan may determine a lot about his governorship

He won't be sworn in until
January, but Gov.-elect George
Ryan may already be at an
important crossroads.

George loves nothing better
than cutting deals. He's very
proud of his ability to bring
people together and "get the
job done." He campaigned on
that strength all year.

But Ryan has also displayed
a tendency to make lots of
expensive promises. One
estimate had Ryan's campaign
pledges totaling \$900 million.
Senate President Pate
Phillip will probably go along
with most of what George
wants, even though Pate has
tried to be fiscally
conservative in the past.

The only other person who
could block Ryan's spending
program is House Speaker
Michael Madigan. Madigan is
a Democrat, but he often
positions himself as a
budgetary conservative.

The thing that George wants
most out this year's fall veto
session is an early retirement
plan for state employees. He's
been quietly pushing the idea
since the spring, when he
convinced Pate Phillip to go
along with it.

Early retirement would
comfortably ease as many as
6,000 state workers out of their
jobs, and Ryan would get to
replace almost every one of



Rich Miller

them.
Back in the spring, the
Democrats made it known that
they would probably favor the
early retirement plan. It's
been a long time since the
Democrats held the governor's
manhood, so they would want
to open up as many jobs as
possible if Glen Poshard
managed to win.

The idea seemed like a sure
thing.
But then Madigan announced
a couple of weeks after the
election that he had some
reservations about the early
retirement plan.

With Poshard's loss, there
just wasn't much in it for him.
Madigan is the chairman of
the Democratic Party of
Illinois, so why allow the
Republicans to richly reward
their loyal campaign workers

and strengthen their party's
patronage machine?

But, what about Jesse
White? The Democrat had won
the secretary of state's race,
so wouldn't Madigan want to
use the early retirement bill to
free up some jobs for White?
Nah, said Madigan. White
wouldn't be getting enough
new patronage jobs to justify
the proposal's \$500 million hit
to the pension fund.

Besides, AFS-CME, the union
that represents state workers,
quietly let it be known that it
wasn't overjoyed with the bill.
The plan would eliminate 1,100
jobs, and that would take a
significant chunk out of the
union's membership base.
AFS-CME was a big help to
Madigan during the campaign.
Actually, there really isn't
much of a downside to
opposing the plan. Even some
newspapers have editorialized
against the idea, giving
Madigan additional "cover" for
his avowed fiscal
conservatism.

The only problem is that
Madigan will eventually want
something. If he kills a bill
that Ryan really, really wants,
then when he asks for
something down the road,
George may not be in the
giving mood. And that's why
many people believe that
Madigan will eventually cut

some sort of deal with our next
governor.

If Ryan and Madigan can
work this out, if the two can
agree early on to make sure
that everyone gets a fair piece
of the pie, then we're probably
in for four years of bipartisan
progress or four years of
overly generous government
giveaways, like the early
retirement plan may be.

If they don't cut a deal, then
Madigan probably figures he
can score more political points
of the state's purse. Either
that or George isn't the deal
maker he says he is.
If Madigan decides to paint
Ryan as a dangerous
free-spender, then our new
governor may have all sorts of
problems. Not only could
George's long list of expensive
campaign promises wither on
the vine, but Republican
legislators won't like being
portrayed as spendthrifts.
They'll eventually have to
break ranks with the big guy.
And Madigan has usually
excelled at creating divisions
on the other side.

(Rich Miller is an
independent journalist who
covers government issues for
the *Illinois Press Association*.)

Letter to the editor

**Churches should
lose exemption**

TO THE EDITOR:
So what's the answer?
Somebody needs to clarify
something for me.

Are churches allowed to lend
their official support to a
particular slate of candidates
during a political campaign
while still maintaining their
tax-exempt status?

I know that if I give money
to a specific candidate, I
cannot take it as a tax
deduction. Would it not then

follow that a particular church
lending support to a specific
party's candidates would
jeopardize its tax-exempt
status?

Here's what brought this up.
Prior to the recent election, I
noticed a couple of churches
(which I might characterize as
"fundamentalist") that had
series of signs in their yards in
support of an all-Republican
slate of candidates.

Everyone in this country has
the right to support any
candidate he or she wishes. If
members of a particular

denomination wish to express
the belief that God is a
Republican, they are allowed
to under the First Amendment.
I'm a strong believer in free
speech.

If churches can take official
stands for specific candidates
and still maintain tax-exempt
status, then all of us who
contribute to any campaign
should be able to take it as a
tax deduction.

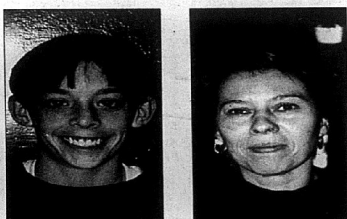
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What would you ban from TV?



Ruth Layton, 30
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Teacher



Sheldon Murphy, 13
Granite City
Student



Rachael Ripley, 17
Collinsville
Student



Alonzo Benard, 8
Collinsville
Student

"The subliminal, underlying
message of sex con-
veyed to the youth and
teens that says sex before
and outside of marriage is
OK." It influences their
behavior and contradicts
parents' teachings."

"Home Shopping Club,
because I don't enjoy it.
Why shop at home when
you can go to the malls, get
exercise and pay lower
prices locally?"

"TV, period. Families do
not spend enough time
together. People should
learn to entertain them-
selves."

"South Park" cartoons,
because they have too
much sex and violence for
little kids and are too vulgar
for anyone."

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A symbol of resurgence

Ground is broken on new \$13 million hotel

By Jason White
Staff writer

A symbol of resurgence will rise on the East St. Louis riverfront over the next year. About 50 people attended a

groundbreaking ceremony last week at the Casino Queen for a 13 million, 150-room, six- or seven-story hotel that is planned to open Dec. 31, 1999. The hotel will create 50 full-time jobs and 100 full-time jobs during construction.

The hotel is the latest of several major projects to start this year, including the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Youth Center, a Walgreen's drug union and a new Union Bank.

"Our city is on its way," Mayor Gordon D. Bush said. "From here, it only gets better."

"We say to the naysayers — open your eyes and see what's happening here," Bush said.

"My citizens have not told me this city is defeated."

Casino Queen co-owner Charles Bidwill III said the casino has "defied the odds" by setting gaming and attendance records.

"The hotel project has been part of our vision from day one," Bidwill said. "We are proud and excited to offer this project as a

"Our city is on its way. From here, it only gets better."

Mayor Gordon Bush

catalyst for future economic development."

The casino is also planning to build an outdoor amphitheater and an indoor entertainment center. An RV park is scheduled to open this year.

The 3.5- to 4-star, handicapped-accessible hotel will feature banquet and meeting facilities, an indoor pool, an exercise room, a laundry facility, three elevators and a continental breakfast room.

The hotel is estimated to make \$2.2 million in its first year.

Under the city's tax increment redevelopment agreement with the Casino Queen, the city will rebate 65 percent of a 7 percent hotel tax for 20 years and will rebate 80 percent of the increase in property taxes for 10 years.

The agreement also calls for at least half of the hotel employees to be from Alorton, Brooklyn, Centerville, East St. Louis and Washington Park.



Among those present at the 25-Year Club meeting were, from left, Lee A. Wiley Sr., John Worries, Alvin Dixon, Richard E. Bills, Vert Lee Wilson and Cletus E. Hickman.

250 attend Foundries' meeting

American Steel Foundries' 55th annual 25-Year Club Meeting and Banquet was held Nov. 3 at St. Gregory Hall in Granite City.

Vice President Mitch Milonski presided over the meeting of 250 members in the absence of 1998 Club President Leonard Thompson, who was unable to attend.

John Worries, plant manager and chairman of the club, presented 25-Year Service Awards to six of the seven new members inducted into the Granite City Chapter. The six are Richard E. Bills, Alvin Dixon, Cletus E. Hickman, Lee

A. Wiley Sr., Vert Lee Wilson and Harlan B. Young. Truman R. Revelle, the seventh new member, was unable to attend the meeting.

The 25-Year Club was instituted in December 1944 for the promotion of good fellowship among employees who had at least 25 years of service with American Steel Foundries. American Steel Foundries is a division of AMSTED Industries, a privately-held, diversified manufacturer of products for construction and building markets, general industry and railroads.

PSOP asks for meal delivery volunteers

By Jason White
Staff writer

Belleville Area College is seeking help to deliver hot meals to senior citizens in Dupu.

BAC's Senior Nutrition program at the Sugarloaf Township building in Dupu will close Dec. 1 because of low attendance, said Penny

Neale, assistant director for BAC's Programs and Services for Older Persons.

For two years, volunteers have tirelessly set tables up, delivered meals and otherwise run the program, Neale said.

"Those ladies are wearing out," Neale said.

Neale is now looking for teams of volunteers to deliver hot meals.

"We are in a quandary because we have had difficulty finding people to volunteer," she said.

If no one volunteers, the college will deliver frozen meals to keep costs down, which Neale said would be unfortunate.

Anyone wishing to volunteer may call Neale at 234-4410 ext. 7014.

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Special service set

Lake View Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home is having a lunary service and special Christmas remembrance service at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5. The organization will be lighting more than 1,000 candles and the special program will be Christmas carols inside the funeral home chapel.

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Parks Department plans trip to Flower Show

Think spring! The Granite City Parks Department will sponsor a one-day trip to St. Louis on Friday, Jan. 8, to visit the St. Louis Flower Show and the brand new Sachs' Butterfly House.

The cost of the trip is \$34 and includes motorcoach fee and admission to both events. Lunch will be paid by each individual at the Piccadilly Cafeteria.

The flower show, sponsored by the Junior League of St. Louis, is recognized as one of the top eight flower and garden shows in America. It will bring gardening to life in the middle of winter as visitors enjoy the many floral displays, gardens and exhibits. Various growers and horticulturists of plants and flowers that will be displayed in the many gardens and walkways will set up in the St. Louis Convention Center.

There will be a market place of more than 100 garden related retailers from across the country with unique and unusual items for sale. This includes everything from jewelry and shirts to rakes of plants.

Two hours will be spent at the flower show before going to the cafeteria for lunch and then on to the new Sophia Sachs Butterfly Center in Chesterfield, Mo.

The butterfly house includes from 60 to 100 different species of the world's most beautiful butterflies. The interior garden is planted with exotic, flowing, tropical plants, which make a perfect home for the butterflies.

A brief film will present a preview of what to expect in the beautiful crystal building. The Madame Butterfly Shop offers books, unique gifts, toys, souvenirs and merchandise related to butterflies.

The group will return to Wilson Park by 5 p.m. with a sure feeling of spring, no matter what the weather on Jan. 8.

The trip goes on sale at 8 a.m. Thursday at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. One person can sign up to four people with proof of residence for each individual, unless husband and wife. Non-residents will be placed on a waiting list and notified one week later of availability.

Campaign targets sexual violence

A unique media campaign targeting adolescent males and sexual violence has recently earned both national and state award for the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

ICASA is the umbrella organization for more than 30 rape crisis centers located throughout Illinois.

The National Coalition Against Sexual Assault gave its 1998 Activism Award to the Springfield-based organization at its recent national conference in New Orleans. And on Oct. 28, the statewide Peace Leader award was given to ICASA by the Illinois Council for the Prevention of Violence, in recognition of outstanding efforts in the area of statewide violence prevention.

The ICASA TV and radio spots have proven so popular that several other states are intending to use them as well. The broadcast messages, directed at teen males, emphasize their personal responsibility in relationships with females.

Polly Poskin, Executive Director of ICASA, said it is especially gratifying to receive an award originating from professional peers NCASA and the Illinois Council for the Prevention of Violence.

We should remove roots of bitterness

The sweetest victories in life come from overcoming hard circumstances.

Life is a testing ground. Great beauty is revealed in wisely enduring the trials we go through.

That supernatural internal beauty is the character of patience, kindness and persistence.

To live this life victoriously and successfully we must continually keep the root of bitterness out of our hearts. We all have trials. Because of them we will become either embittered old men and women or we will conquer the root of bitterness with forgiving love.

Some people have let bitterness grow so deep, unable to trust, believe or hope again.

But the Word of God is true. It says, as reader Dana Wellington of Arnold wrote, "God never gives us more than we can bear."

So no matter the test, we must trust Him and never doubt Him. It also says to cast your cares upon Him. That's truly the only way you can bear all things.

You've heard the saying, "Nip it in the bud." If we don't stop the bitterness that wells up within us through the

A New You



Catherine Galasso

single action of one individual it becomes like crab grass, it grows and grows, it invades and spoils everything in your life.

The Bible says, "The devil walks about like a roaring lion seeking who he can devour." But the rest of the verse says, "Greater is He that is within us than he that is within the world."

Look what happens when we give up and get rid of the bitterness. We outsmart the enemy.

Let's realize that the trial was only one small incident in our whole life.

When we keep it contained to that one small circumstance and pray about it, God will give us the grace to show His love to the person who wronged us.

Then we have become mighty conquerors.

Do not continue to discuss a negative situation or mention it again. The more you talk about it the more it stays alive. If someone does something to offend you return that evil with good.

"Through your column I have found ways to believe that hardship is not as dark and empty as it once seemed," wrote Katie Williams of St. Louis.

I was feeling bitter and couldn't understand how God could make me suffer and go through this difficult time. But now I know He was testing my strength and my faith, and I believe I am a stronger person.

Connect with God through prayer. Share your thoughts openly and comfortably with Him. Get so close to God that nothing will offend you. Don't be full of resentment. It will hurt you more than the other person. Let it go and drop it in the sea of forgetfulness. Pray and show overcoming love for it's written, "Love never fails."

Leave all bitterness, malice and strife behind and rejoice over the wonderful things in your life. There are so many. Be like the lovely trees, arms

up and outstretched thanking God for every beautiful thing we have.

This great revelation will give you freedom and renew your youth like the eagle. Go in control. Never be upset with Him for what He allows. He has a reason for all that is done and it is to bring out the finest in you. There is reassurance always to be found in our Heavenly Father's care.

Dig out the roots of bitterness.

Lay the axe to the root of that tree. Let the handle of that axe read, "faith in God" and "Restore unto me the joy of the Lord."

Swing it and sever that root. When that life-sapping tree falls, in its place comes up the Rose of Sharon and lovely Lily of the Valley.

And up above it, in the soft dawn of the sky, the bright and morning star shines upon the beauty of your soul.

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FEMA cites communication problems

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some progress, such as reaching agreement on the minimum corrective measures necessary at Timberlake and Quality Courts, we have no evidence that documentable actions have taken place," the letter said. "Therefore, under our regulations, we must move ahead to terminate the village's eligibility in the NFIP."

In late October, Pontoon Beach officials assured residents that the village was working with the FEMA to deal with long-standing floodplain problems.

The problem stems from a long-standing conflict between the village and FEMA over violations of the 100-year floodplain.

About a dozen properties in the village do not meet federal floodplain elevation requirements.

The problems stem from

improper enforcement of village ordinances dealing with permits and flood elevations prior to 1993. The problems were reportedly discovered after flooding that year.

Most of the public controversy has been with owners of mobile homes in violation.

At the Oct. 27 Village Board meeting, residents of the Quality Beach Mobile Home Park questioned the board on the status of the mobile homes in violation.

Those mobile homes are between one-half and 1½ feet below the required elevation of 417 feet above sea level.

On Friday, Schein said Wilson had also called about two weeks ago.

Schein said even if the village had been meeting the requirements set by FEMA, they still needed to document and communicate that to the agency.

"I wish the communication would be more regular," Schein said. "We think they're capable of doing what they need to do, but communication is very difficult."



This home, located at 103 Friar's Lane, Edwardsville, will be featured on the Holiday House Tour. It was designed by architect William Shaw.

House tour planned for Dec. 6

Junior Service sponsors tour in Edwardsville, Glen Carbon

The Junior Service Club of Edwardsville/Glen Carbon is sponsoring a Holiday House Tour from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

Seven homes in the Edwardsville and Glen Carbon

area have been chosen to represent a diverse mix of newer homes featuring the latest innovations and older homes restored with faithful renovation.

Highlights of the tour include a historic home on regal St. Louis Street in Edwardsville.

The owners lovingly have restored this 90-year-old beauty, with the bounty from countless visits to area antique dealers.

Admission to the tour is \$10. Tickets are available at Sandy's Limited, 4 Club Center, Overbecks Wallpaper and Paints, 130 N. Main, Edwardsville, and Glenwood Manor House, 3506 State Route 157. Dec. 6 tickets will be available from noon to 2 p.m. at Hadley House, 708 St. Louis St., Edwardsville.

For tour information, call Jeanne Swanner at 696-9138 or Betty Feld at 692-1489.

Auction raises funds for Humane Society

Area residents did some early Christmas shopping and helped a good cause during the Metro-East Humane Society's annual auction.

More than 500 items were sold during the event, which lasted nearly five hours at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Maryville, MEHS Executive Director Jill Wagenblast said. The event raised almost \$4,300 for the group's animal shelter in Edwardsville.

Both silent and oral auctions were held. Rick Kohl of Kohl Auction Services in Belleville was the volunteer auctioneer. "We had a good crowd and just a lot of great items," Wagenblast said.

Among the highest bid items was a year's supply of food from Ralston-Purina, which sold for \$130, and a hockey stick signed by Kelly Chase and Tony Twist of the St. Louis Blues.

The stick sold for \$90. St. Louis sports team tickets (Rams, Cardinals and Blues), a Mary Engelbreit signed print and a cast-iron cat lamp with a stained glass shade were other big draws.

Attention Kmart Shoppers

On page 6 of the November 29 Journal, due to manufacturers inability to distribute the Play Station game, "Centipede" will not be available.

On page 7, the RUGRATS Movie Dolls ARE \$17.99 each AND NOT A SET of three.

On page 8, the \$14.99 AC CULINE JR. golf set is incorrectly pictured.

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Before stringing the lights up on the house, lay them all out flat and test them, preferably in a darker place like the garage. Bad ones are easy to replace when everything's on the ground. But before you do, it's far safer to unplug the string first.

If this is the first time you'll be stringing lights up on the house, take a few minutes and plan things out. Where will the sets plug in? How many strings will it take to put lights where you want to?

Make absolutely certain your lights are rated for outdoor use. It will tell you so on the box.

It's easy to get carried away when stringing the lights. Never, under any circumstances, hook up more strings on one circuit than is recommended by the manufacturer. Overloading a circuit can put a serious damper on the holiday festivities.

Be extra careful with the lights when you handle the strings. They can bang against the house or driveway in the process, and bulbs can break.

It's always a good idea to run one more test before putting the lights up. It's certainly no fun to find a burned out or broken bulb once they're up. Murphy's law usually comes into play here. If a bad one is found, it's usually the uppermost one, or so it seems.

Now for the inside of your home, which offers plenty of decorating ideas other than the tree. Doorways, for example, are well suited for it.

Hanging garland around the perimeter of interior doors makes a cheerful scene indeed. Add lights for even more beauty.

Have a second floor? The banister is perfect for draping garland and lights. Do so on the balusters (the upright posts) so that the banister's handrail can still be used normally.

Lighted garland looks magnificent around the fireplace's mantel. Don't forget to add picks or other decorations.

If you have a Christmas village scene, there's no better time to add to it. Don't have one? There's also no better time to start one from scratch.

To get the most out of wreaths, add ribbons, picks, pine cones, berries and so on. Fashion a multi-loop bow with the ribbon and attach it to the wreaths. As for picks, there are a multitude of them; something's bound to be perfect. Decorate garland in the same manner.

You're bound to come up with more ideas. The sky's the limit. Just don't compromise safety. Use only UL approved light sets; toss away any that are damaged. And make sure you don't string any more sets together than recommended by the manufacturer.

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Obituaries

Elsa Little

ELSA L. (BRAUER) LITTLE, 81, of Granite City died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1998, at Colonnades Nursing Home in Granite City.

Mrs. Little was born April 17, 1917, in Granite City. Survivors include her son, Edward Little, one daughter, Nancy Thompson of Houston; two grandchildren, Shawn Bear and Kevin Thompson, both of Houston; one sister, Eleanor Dennis of Baltimore; and five great-grandchildren. Collen Bear, Austin Bear, Deon Bear, John Bear and Giovanna Thompson, all of Houston.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Frieda (Huppel) Brauer; and one brother, Charles Brauer.

Services were Friday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Allen Rector officiating. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

William Stacey Sr.

WILLIAM S. STACEY SR., 83, of Blytheville, Ark., formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1998, at Heritage Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Stacey was born May 9, 1915, in Kennett, Mo. He was retired from Granite City Steel, and a member of the Bethel Chapel.

Survivors include his wife, Goldie (Parks) Stacey; nine children, William Stacey of Gillespie, James Stacey of Greenville, Ind., Jerry Stacey of Tulsa, Okla., Roger Stacey of Salt Springs, Fla., David Stacey of Salt Springs, Fla., Jeanette Scott of Salt Springs, Fla., Cedric Stacey of Granite City and Seldon Stacey of Pocatango; one brother, Buford Stacey of Zephyrus, Fla.; two sisters, Silvestra Rush and Betty Allen, both of Michigan; one half-brother, J.L. Walker of Kennett, Mo.; seven stepchildren; 22 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Opal (Jackson) Stacey; one daughter, Sharon Stacey; his parents, Virgil and Letha (Edwards)

Stacey; and one half-brother, Harold Walker.

Services will be 10 a.m. today, Sunday, Nov. 29, at McDaniel Funeral Home in Kennett, Mo. Burial will be in Oak Ridge of Kennett, Mo. Thomas Memorial Mortuary handled the local arrangements.

Peter Mihalich

PETER MIHALICH, 84, of East Alton, died Monday, Nov. 23, 1998, at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton.

Mr. Mihalich was born May 8, 1914, in Livingston. He was retired from Wood River-East Alton School district #15 and was a member of the Wood River VFW Post 2850; he served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Hilda "Mickey" (Crockner) Mihalich; two sons, Lewis Mihalich of Prairieville, and Paul Mihalich of Granite City; one daughter, Deborah Flores of Sanford, Calif.; two brothers, Mick Mihalich of Johnson City and Steve Mihalich of Rosewood Heights; one sister, Katherine Kern of Madison; and three grandchildren, Jeff Mihalich and Peter and Brian Flores.

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Mr. Stark retired from Granite City Steel, and was a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows.

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Charity drive seeks sporting items

A Christmas charity drive is seeking sports-related items such as baseballs, bats, pucks, basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, skates, footballs, uniforms and sports box games.

All donations to the first "Sports Toys for Girls and Boys Christmas Drive" will benefit needy St. Louis area children. Both KPNS-AM (590) and Grandpa's are sponsoring the drive.

"We want to fill a need in our community at Christmas time, and we thought a sporting goods toy drive fills a niche missing in a general toy drive," said Greg Marecek, KPNS president and chief executive officer.

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Shopping season is under way

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Collinsville resident Andrea Gutjahr "got a late start this year."

"I'm usually up and ready to go at 6 a.m., and I would have been this year but my husband had to be up for work and I didn't get started until 7:30 a.m.," she said.

Gutjahr said the reason she braved the crowds and early-morning hours is simple: "To find the best deals and to try to get finished."

This year was Pat Beinfor's first effort at tackling the first day of the shopping rush. She missed her chance at buying one of the Barbies that were on sale, but she still was on a mission to put a sizable dent in her Christmas list.

"I was in retail over 19 years and I couldn't be out shopping on the Friday after Thanksgiving," she said. "But I got a new job and here I am."

The only drawback for

Beinfor was the automatic urge, left over from her days in retail, to help other shoppers.

"I'm ending up working instead of shopping," she said. Shopper Joyce Schlemmer usually never participates in the first-day rush, but this year was different. Her

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Sexual assault case against ex-car salesman dropped

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

A case against a former area car salesman accused of assaulting a disabled female client has been dismissed by the State's Attorney's Office for lack of evidence.

Parties involved with the case said new information prompted the decision, but the prosecutor, defense attorney and the man accused all had little to say late Tuesday.

Krupp, 27, of the 100 block of Juanita Lane in Arnold, Mo., was charged Oct. 1 with aggravated criminal sexual abuse. He was accused of trying to get a Stanton woman to fondle him while the pair were on a vehicle test drive.

According to Wood River police reports, the woman went to a Wood River car dealership on Sept. 30 to trade her manual five-speed for another car that has an automatic shift. The woman has severe multiple

sclerosis, which makes shifting difficult, police said. The woman told police that after failing to reach a price with one dealer, Krupp offered to help her find a car and took her out for a vehicle test drive.

Police said that while the two were in a location away from the dealership Krupp allegedly tried to get the woman to fondle him and talked about oral sex.

The woman contacted Stanton police, who in turn contacted Wood River police. The case was assigned to Assistant State's Attorney Kyle Napp. But the charge was dropped Nov. 13 on the order of Napp's boss, State's Attorney William Haine.

Napp said she was unaware of the dismissal until after the fact. Krupp's court file indicates that Haine dismissed the case for lack of evidence. However, the prosecutor left open the option of reinstating the charge within one year if sufficient evidence can be presented to sway a jury.

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Hot line established for sanitation code violations in East St. Louis

Residents are being asked to help with enforcement

By Jason White
Staff writer

Three East St. Louis organizations have established a code enforcement hot line for citizens to report code violations.

The East St. Louis Community Action Network, the Neighborhood Law Office and New Spirit established up the hot line to prepare for a public airing of the city's response to code violations. ESLCAN Director James Jones said.

"It's interesting that we're doing it, and it's interesting that we have to do it," Jones said.

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The hot line has been taking calls for about a month.

Jones said data from the hot line will be gathered for two or three months, after which the groups will present the findings to the public.

Jones stressed that residents should report code violations to the city and the hot line.

The hotline number is 874-2833. ESLCAN is a coalition

of neighborhood organizations and other civic groups.

City officials last summer pledged efforts to force compliance with the city's sanitation code. A Code Enforcement Awareness Week observance, held July 6-11, targeted illegal dumping, overgrown vegetation, abandoned vehicles, derelict structures and littering in the city.

Calendar of events

Christmas

The GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT has made arrangements for kids to talk directly to Santa Claus at the North Pole. Santa will call children from 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 10 and listen to their wishes and find out if they've been good girls and boys. To receive a call from Santa an adult must stop by or call the Wilson Park Office after Dec. 1.

Santa Claus is holding "office

hours" for SANTA'S HOLIDAY AVENUE at the Santa Cabin at Delmar and Niedringhaus now until Christmas.

Hours Santa will be at the Cabin are 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 6 p.m. Sundays.

CHOUTEAU TOWNSHIP is holding a Breakfast With Santa 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 5 at the Chouteau Township Social Center, 808 Thorngate in Mitchell. Donuts, milk, coffee, juice, plus a Christmas treat for the chil-

dren and music by Joey James will be available.

PONTOON BEACH youngsters up to age 12 are invited to have breakfast with Santa at its annual Breakfast With Santa event from 8 to 11 a.m. Dec. 12 at Pontoon Beach Village Hall, 3900 Illinois 111. Registrations are being taken for the event at the Comptroller's Office, located at Village Hall through Dec. 4. The event is open to Pontoon Beach residents only, and proof of residency will be required. All registrations must take place in person.

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Featured soloists are Jodi Boone, Neallie Ingram, Kristian Lance, Madrigal Vorce, James Hancock, Ricky Woodard, Stephan Aabek, Jeremy Champion, Jennifer O'Beir, Kelly Menemeyer, Candis White, Jamie Yarbrough Elizabeth Schildman, Ammie Chepy, Stephen Lewis, Joseph Weinberger, Todd Brady, Robert Henderson, Michael Stanley, Amy Wilson, Chris McKeel, Jesse Tedder, Kate Hollis and Kelly Biver.

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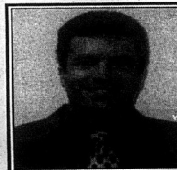
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The BANK of Edwardsville recently celebrated its joining with Omni Bank with an open house at the Granite City and Pontoon centers. A presentation of \$500 was made to three area mayors to donate to the charity of their choice. Pictured are, from left, Chuck Unger, TheBANK's community bank president for Granite City and Pontoon Beach; Pontoon Beach Mayor Glenn Wilson, who donated to the National Osteoporosis Foundation; Madison Mayor John Hamm III, who donated to the Don Bosco Children's Center; Granite City Mayor Ron Selph, who donated to the Tri-Cities Area YMCA; and Robert Wetzell, president of TheBANK.

Safe food guidelines offered

The St. Clair County Health Department is offering the following guidelines to ensure that the holidays will be safe and enjoyable:

- Look for the USDA seal before purchasing any meat product.
- Wash hands thoroughly before beginning any food preparation and also in between the handling of raw and cooked foods.
- Thaw frozen foods properly. Check the temperature of your refrigerator/freezer.
- To keep foods safe, they must be kept at a proper temperature.
- Cook all foods thoroughly, especially poultry, pork and ground beef.
- To ensure proper cooking

temperatures are reached, cook poultry and stuffing separately.

- Do not partially cook a stuffed turkey one day and complete roasting the next, interrupted cooking increases the possibility of bacterial growth.
- Hot and cold foods should only be left at room temperature during serving.
- Keep foods covered to

protect them from contamination.

- Pies prepared with milk or eggs should be kept refrigerated. Due to the risk of salmonellosis, use pasteurized egg products instead of raw shell eggs for homemade eggnog, or other recipes using raw eggs.

— Becky Garrison

IRS seeks volunteers

The IRS is looking for volunteer individuals and organizations to help prepare tax returns free of charge during the 1999 filing season under its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Now in its 28th year, the program helps people who are unable to prepare their own simple tax returns or cannot pay for professional tax assistance. More than 1,300 volunteers helped nearly 74,000 Illinois taxpayers at 387 locations throughout the state last year.

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Sue Christopher celebrates a birthday today, Nov. 29.

A. Feeney celebrates a birthday today, Nov. 29.

Erica Hay celebrates a birthday today, Nov. 29.

Donna (Pinn) Doroghazi celebrates a birthday today, Nov. 29.

Ervin and Eva Mueller celebrate their wedding anniversary today, Nov. 29.

Wayne Strubberg celebrates a birthday today, Nov. 29.

Jill Briggs Farmer celebrates a birthday today, Nov. 29.

Loretta Hylla celebrates a birthday today, Nov. 29.

Leroy and Cynthia Prior Jr. will celebrate their wedding anniversary Nov. 30.

Katelynn Nicol Skipper celebrates a birthday Nov. 30.

Melinda Lewis will celebrate a birthday Nov. 30.

F. Darlene Strubberg celebrates a birthday Nov. 30.

Cecil and Pauline Voyles celebrate their wedding anniversary Nov. 30.

Terri Kofahl celebrates a birthday Nov. 30.

Mike Baker celebrates a birthday Nov. 30.

George Feeney celebrates a birthday Nov. 30.

Irene Kademac celebrates a birthday Nov. 30.

Randy and Paula Werner will celebrate their wedding anniversary Dec. 1.

Lindsay Rujawitz celebrates a birthday Dec. 1.

Charles and Linda Dowdy celebrate their wedding anniversary Dec. 1.

Faust D. Cox celebrates a birthday Dec. 1.

Beth Dittman celebrates a birthday Dec. 1.

Michael Derr celebrates a birthday Dec. 2.

Scott Wilson celebrates a birthday Dec. 3.

Lori Reed celebrates a birthday Dec. 3.

Delores Brinker celebrates a birthday Dec. 3.

Richard Dean Wells celebrates a birthday Dec. 4.

Chris Carney celebrates a birthday Dec. 4.

Linda Kudelka celebrates a birthday Dec. 4.

Pam Rowlett celebrates a birthday Dec. 4.

Rich H. Slay celebrates a birthday Dec. 5.

Anthony "Tony" Evans celebrates a birthday Dec. 5.

Debbie Hay celebrates a birthday Dec. 5.

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'Walking Ned Devine' is funny, interesting black comedy

Michael O'Sullivan has never told a lie in his life, but he's about to make up for lost time in a big way if his comrade in cunning, Jackie O'Shea, has anything to do with it.

That's the prevailing conceit of "Walking Ned Devine," a charming film from first-time English writer-director Kirk Jones that has more on its mind than the Irish whimsy that it projects at first.

Set in the fictional Irish backwater of Tully More, "Walking Ned Devine" has all the ingredients of a feel-good sleeper, and it's little surprise that the hype machine is

already billing it as this year's "Full Monty."

But for all its self-evident delights, the movie is far flatter than it might initially appear.

Indeed, no one who has ever suffered a moment of greed is likely to escape the film's grip. It contains just enough feisty black comedy to keep audiences from cooing into their popcorn at all the Irish nicks.

The opening sequence makes clear that writer-director Jones intends to do things his way. Jackie (Ian Bannen), a man of advancing years and the longtime friend of Michael (David Kelly), is watching Ireland's national lottery draw on television and seems well on his way to hitting the jackpot.

In fact, Jackie's infectious enthusiasm — his mock-Joycean climax of "yes, yes, yes" has the viewer on

the edge of his seat is merely a pretext to get him his share of wife Annie's (Fionnula Flanagan) apple tart. As it happens, the sprightly Jackie, relishes a good rise in ways that extend far beyond his appetite.

When he discovers that someone in his village of 92 souls has in fact won the grand prize, Jackie sets out to find out who that might be — whether it's foul-smelling farmer Pig Finn (James Nesbitt) or his girlfriend Maggie (Susan Lynch) or perhaps even the singing shopkeeper, Mrs. Kennedy (Maura O'Malley).

The winner, one Ned Devine, has in fact died, but that doesn't stop Jackie, a so-called "country boy" who becomes enmeshed in what might be described as city fraud.

Before long, Jackie has installed bachelor friend Michael as Ned Devine, with

the idea that the entire community can partake of loot that will leave each villager more than \$200,000 better off.

That means, of course, hoodwinking the visiting lottery board representative (Brendan F. Dempsey), who journeys from Dublin to Tully More to interview the man he thinks wrongly, of course — to be Ned Devine.

The official's comeuppance (he's got a giveaway sneeze) would seem to bring the charade to a financially fruitful climax, but that doesn't account for the town's lone holdout, the witchlike Lizzie Quinn (Eileen Dromey), who threatens to burst the bubble of deception.

Annie O'Shea, too, has her doubts about her husband's newfound Machiavellian ways. The real Ned Devine may be dead, as she points out to Jackie, but "you're alive, with prison to go to."

The heart of the film, inevitably, is the relationship between Jackie and Michael, and actors Bannen and Kelly — seasoned veterans both — deserve credit for lifting the movie well beyond the cutesy "Grumpy Old Man"-style jokes to which a lesser project might aspire.

Bannen's long and distinguished career has taken him to Broadway, the West End and films, most memorably, "Hope and Glory." But his Irish burr has seldom been better deployed as the ever-twinkly Jackie, a coddler who doesn't want such trifles as morality to stand in the way of a good scheme. Kelly is less familiar, at least internationally, but he's a delightfully spry presence, never more so than motoring naked — don't ask why — through the town, all self-consciousness thrown to the wind.

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With the moon entering Pisces, you may be feeling a little self-indulgent. Try to restrain yourself, or you could be a little sluggish by week's end. Let the positive aspect from the sun and Mars in Cancer boost your confidence, and success may be reward enough to help you to avoid the more immediate pleasures.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Your cobra-like energy could hurt a deal — be positive but cool. Libra has plans that

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Spontaneous interaction is sexy. Items you've been doing without are now offered at a reasonable price — if you go for a bargain, you come away with a steal. Communicate more clearly with family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
A loved one learns only by example. A romantic interest emerges from a club or class.

Joyce Jillson

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CANCER (June 22-July 22)
The way to a lover's heart is through your ears — listen up! Cultivate new friendships, and your work conditions will improve as a result. Travel helps business enormously. A Leo means what he or she says.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Lovers are attracted to your ease in social situations. Invest

in knowledge. A short vacation is deserved — take off! Sports, public speaking and mingling are favored. A Libra is irresistible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Romantic hopes perk up when you confidently enter the room. You should definitely be paid more for what you do. You'll find luck in teams or with groups of four or more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Sing about your love life in a bookstore. A small investment has large returns. Cut the small talk on a date — you have more in common when you dig deeper. Friends brag about knowing you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Your confidence level is very high. You meet romantic hopefuls at a concert or crowded event. There is money to be made in short-term investments — get in and out of a deal quickly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
A lender gives you more time to pay back a debt if you ask. Dreamy looks across a room are the start of an excit

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Schwartz left many thankful friends

You may think you did not know Jim Schwartz of Belleville, who died at age 59 on Nov. 3. However, I know you've known others like him and are thankful for the experience.

You see, Mr. Schwartz was one of those unassuming fellows who never let on about his struggles, accepted the hand dealt him but still managed to support sports with little fanfare.

A note at the end of Jim's obituary referred to memorials to the American Diabetes Association. That was most appropriate because for a large portion of his life, Jim fought complications related to diabetes.

From vision problems to needing a walker at times to the ruptured appendix that led to his final hospital stay, Jim Schwartz never had it easy.

Yet, he had a passion for life and for sports that allowed him to develop a keen insight. Never mind that he was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. He followed all levels of sports and did more than sell a ticket to support a team (Millstadt VFW baseball) or throw a couple of bucks in a hat.

Tell Norm Tonjes how much I'm looking to following what he does with the Preburg team. Jim told me of the new boys basketball coach at Preburg High School.

When in good health and much younger, Jim had been an outstanding pitcher at Newton High and for independent teams in the St. Marie area, where he also coached that community's American Legion baseball team.

In 1957, his skills as a right-handed pitcher were sufficient enough to merit an invitation to tryout, with his catcher Dick Rohr, for the St. Louis Cardinals at Sportsman's Park.

"His dad had given him a new car and he picked up my aunt and me in Belleville to go along and watch," recalled Jim's cousin, Pat Schwartz, whose father (Bill) had pitched in the St. Louis Browns organization.

However, the 125-mile trip from St. Marie to St. Louis and the possibility of signing a pro contract took a strange twist.

"We were in downtown East St. Louis and a guy hit us broadside," said Pat Schwartz. "Our car was drivable and we made it to the ballpark, but Jim was really shook up."

If the wreck affected how Jim Schwartz threw on the sidelines and in a scrimmage that day, he never admitted to such but later told me of another hard-throwing pitcher who did impress the Cardinals. "You could hear the ball pop in the catcher's mitt," said Jim. "I asked, 'Who's that?' and a scout said it was some high school kid from Oklahoma."

"It was Von McDaniel," Jim said. "McDaniel was an 18-year-old phenom who not only debuted that year with the Cardinals but posted a 7-5 record."

Jim Schwartz became a clothing pattern cutter when he moved to the Belleville area, and later was an insurance agent with United National Life and a St. Louis Regional Hospital security

guard. See SCHWARTZ, Page 3B



Tim Stephenson photo

The Illinois Warriors' David Svezia carries the puck in on goal during a recent game. The Warriors were beaten 4-3 by Collinsville on Tuesday night.

Warriors suffer initial defeat

Collinsville scores two late short-handed goals to pin loss on defending champs

By Chris Waldvogel
Staff writer

Collinsville exhibited a flare for the dramatic in pinning the first loss of the season on the defending Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association champions.

The Kahoks scored two short-handed goals in the final 90 seconds of the game to defeat the Illinois Warriors 4-3 Tuesday night at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights.

Tim Knowlton's goal for the Warriors with 9 minutes 4 seconds remaining gave the Warriors a comfortable 3-1 cushion on their way to what would have been their third victory of the year.

But Collinsville center Joe Ditch — who had two goals and two assists in the game — took over. He tied the game 3-3 on a wraparound at the 1:25 mark.

He then put a beautiful pass on the stick of Kenny Reed, who scored on a breakaway with just 32 seconds remaining to complete the Kahoks rally. Reed faked to his left, skated right and whizzed a

backhanded shot past Warriors goaltender Ryan Bronnbauer, who was sprawled on the ice.

"We won this game by hard work," Collinsville coach Dave Oberfell said. "We just never gave up. That's one thing that I can't say enough about these guys. They work hard and never give in, even when we are down. We just keep battling back."

Tuesday's game was testament to that fact. The Kahoks were behind 3-1 for nearly six minutes after Knowlton's goal. With 3:16, Collinsville junior Adam Joachimstahler emerged from a scrum and jammed a loose puck in the slot under Bronnbauer's pads, bringing the Kahoks within striking distance.

The Warriors had drawn first blood with a power play goal at the 2:43 mark in the first period. Kahoks goalie Chris Oliver stopped Dustin Wesley's initial shot from just past the blue line, but the puck bounced off Oliver and onto the stick of Luke Forrester, who was all alone on left wing.

Ditch tied the score with only 3 seconds remaining in

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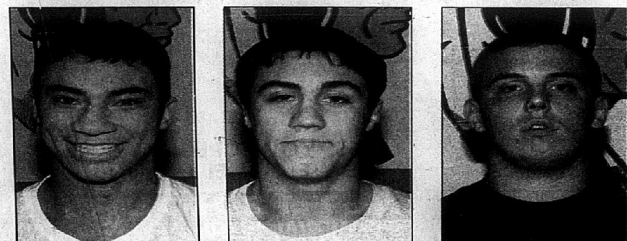
GRANITE CITY WRESTLING



Barb Heffrich photo

Granite City wrestling coaches Walt Whitaker (left), Mike Garland (center) and William "Red" Schmidt have guided the Warriors program to 876 of its 1,003 all-time victories coming into the 1998-99 season. Garland has coached the team since 1987-88, Whitaker coached the two seasons previous to that and Schmidt led the team from the 1950-51 season until 1985.

This year's Warriors



Brooks Narvaez (left), George Kirgan (center) and Kevin Venne (right) lead this year's Granite City wrestling team. The preview appears on Page 4B.

The tradition continues

Nation's winningest wrestling program shows no signs of slowing down

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City wrestling coach Mike Garland remembers the pressure.

Eleven years ago, at the start of the 1987-88 wrestling season, Garland was named the head coach for the Granite City wrestling team, the nation's winningest wrestling program.

The expectations were simple: Win. Win, win, win.

"It was very nerve-racking at first," Garland said. "I probably put more pressure on myself than I needed to, just because I was so concerned with keeping the tradition going."

"I didn't want to be the one to let down all the ghosts of years gone by."

Some of those ghosts, after all, were still very much in the material world. And they were impressive spirits.

William "Red" Schmidt had become a living legend. He coached Granite City to 889 victories, against just 70 losses and five ties, from 1950-51 to 1984-85. He guided the Warriors to their only state championship, in 1961.

Walt Whitaker followed with two successful seasons, a

GRANITE CITY WRESTLING COVERAGE
All-time records, accomplishments, state medal winners, 1998-99 preview.
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21-3 campaign in 1985-86 and a 17-3 mark the following season.

Garland, who wrestled at Granite City and was an assistant coach for both Schmidt and Whitaker, has done the ghosts proud in his first 11 seasons. His career coaching mark of 249-37-2 includes trips to the IHSAA Class AA state quarterfinals in all but two seasons since 1992. The program has lost just seven matches since the start of the 1991-92 season.

"Learning from Bill Schmidt and Walt Whitaker really made a difference," Garland said. "It really made the transition easier, gave me confidence. They are both Hall of Famers, they are both great coaches, they both coached state champs. You take that into your wrestling room and implement what you want to do, and the more you

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Belleville East battery signs with Eastern Illinois

Becker, Warning sign with same college, still have unfinished business on prep level

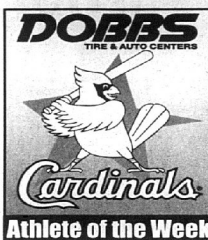
By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

Kristen Becker and Cassie Warning are about to join a growing list of NCAA Division I softball players from Belleville East High School. Becker, a pitcher, and Warning, a catcher, signed letters of intent with Eastern Illinois University on Nov. 17. Becker is getting a full-ride scholarship (room, board, tuition and fees); Warning is getting a partial scholarship (slightly more than half).

East, which won IHSA Class AA state championships in 1989 and 1995, has produced numerous Division I players in recent years. Stacy Siebert, who was named most valuable player of the 1995 state tournament, is a senior pitcher/shortstop for Eastern Illinois.

"Both Kristen and Cassie wrote to several colleges inquiring about their softball programs and academics as well," said East coach Rita Menke. "Kristen started her letter-writing campaign during the fall of her junior year and Cassie wrote hers during the summer after her junior year."

"The EIU coach (Lloydene Searle) watched both girls play in the St. Louis Golden Triangle Tournament during the weekend of Oct. 23-25. I faxed the tournament schedule to her as she wanted to watch



Cassie play. She was there for the first game of the tournament, when Cassie's and Kristen's teams were playing against each other. Coach Searle liked what she saw of Cassie, but asked me why I didn't tell her about Becker.

"Kristen did not write to EIU during the fall of her junior year because at that time EIU did not have a head coach. An interim coach was working until a new coach could be named. Once a new coach was added, Kristen had already sent out her letters and we did not think about adding EIU to her list."

Searle asked Becker to come to campus on an official visit

on Nov. 7. Warning visited EIU on Oct. 30.

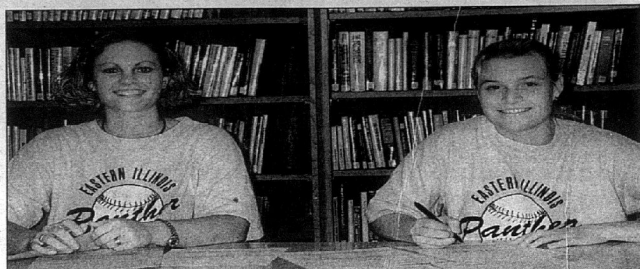
"Going to the same college is an advantage for both of us, especially for a pitcher and catcher," Warning said. "I wasn't really interested in Eastern, but all of a sudden, it happened."

As a sophomore, Warning earned a varsity letter as an first baseman/outfielder. She moved behind the plate as a junior when East's top two catchers, Jen Dahm and Beth Eckert, were out with injuries. She batted .313 with 28 RBI, earning second-team all-Southwestern Conference honors. She appeared in 35 games, primarily as a catcher, but also as a first baseman and designated hitter.

"I looked at Texas A&M, Cal State-Fullerton, Saint Louis, and Baylor," said Warning, who also visited McKendree, Augustana and Missouri-St. Louis. "When I went to (EIU) for a visit, I liked (Searle's) personality and the way she explained things. Plus, Eastern (located in Charleston) is not that far from home."

"I've been playing softball since I can remember. My dad played fastpitch softball at Southside (Park in Belleville) and my mom played until she injured her knee. She was a catcher, too, but I have totally fresh knees, which is good."

"I've played in St. Louis for



Belleville East seniors Cassie Warning (left) and Kristen Becker signed with Eastern Illinois University on Nov. 17.

six years and so has Kristen. We started out together on the St. Louis Belles. I play year-round, which is especially important for a pitcher or catcher. I've played (in tournaments) in California, Florida and Oklahoma. Summer ball is where you get the most experience."

Warning played last summer for the St. Charles Patriots and currently is playing for the Missouri Maniacs. Becker plays for the St. Louis Illusions.

"I looked at Illinois State, Bradley, Lewis University, Baylor, the Columbia in New York, and Kent State," said Becker, who also visited McKendree, Augustana and Missouri-St. Louis. "I just felt at home and really

comfortable at Eastern. I liked the campus and the coach was nice."

"I didn't get to talk to Stacy (Siebert) when I made my visit, but my mom talked to her at the NIC Tournament (in Moline) and Stacy said she liked (Searle)."

As a junior, Becker earned first-team all-conference honors with a 19-3 record, five saves and a 0.72 ERA in 1997 innings, she struck 208 batters while allowing just 61 hits and 37 walks.

"I've worked with (East pitching coach) Joe Nunez since after my eighth-grade year," said Becker, who along with Warning works with Nunez on a year-round basis. "He's helped me improve so

much. I have videos from when I first started working with him up until now, and year by year you can see the changes I've made."

"My summer coaches have helped me and so has Coach Menke. She's the greatest. I asked Coach Searle if she planned to change my style and she said no."

Becker plans to major in athletic training at EIU, while Warning will major in psychology. But both girls have some unfinished business at East, especially after the Lancers lost to Herrin in sectional finals last spring.

"We're going to state, no doubt about it," Warning said. "This is our senior year. We have to go."

MVCHA results/schedules

Schedules for local teams in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association. Rinks listed below in parentheses are: FH — the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Farrow Heights; EA — East Alton; GC — Granite City; CA — Cahokia.

ALTOFF CRUSADERS Overall record (1-0)

November	
16 vs. Belleville East (FH)	W 7-2
22 vs. Alton (EA)	7-15 p.m.
28 vs. Roxana (EA)	4 p.m.
29 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	7:30 p.m.

December	
5 vs. Belleville West (FH)	4:15 p.m.
6 vs. Marquette (EA)	8:45 p.m.
13 vs. Collinsville (FH)	8 p.m.
14 vs. Cahokia (CA)	7:45 p.m.
22 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	8:45 p.m.
27 vs. Granite City (FH)	8:45 p.m.
29 vs. Belleville East (FH)	8:45 p.m.

January	
3 vs. Alton (FH)	8 p.m.
9 vs. Roxana (FH)	4:15 p.m.
10 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	7:30 p.m.
12 vs. Belleville West (FH)	8:15 p.m.
15 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH)	7:45 p.m.
18 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	2:30 p.m.
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	7:30 p.m.
26 vs. Cahokia (CA)	5:15 p.m.

February	
3 vs. Granite City (FH)	8:15 p.m.
6 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	4:15 p.m.
13 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	4 p.m.

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS Overall record (0-2)

November	
14 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	L 3-7
16 vs. Alton (FH)	L 2-7
21 vs. Cahokia (CA)	5:15 p.m.
28 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	4:15 p.m.
29 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	7:15 p.m.

December	
5 vs. Collinsville (FH)	5:45 p.m.
13 vs. Alton (FH)	7:30 p.m.
19 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	4:15 p.m.
20 vs. Belleville West (FH)	8 p.m.
21 vs. Granite City (FH)	7:45 p.m.
27 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	7:15 p.m.
29 vs. Alton (FH)	6:45 p.m.

January	
3 vs. Cahokia (CA)	7:30 p.m.
7 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	7:45 p.m.
10 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH)	6 p.m.

February	
3 vs. Cahokia (CA)	7:30 p.m.
7 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	7:45 p.m.
10 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH)	6 p.m.

16 vs. Collinsville (FH)	4:15 p.m.
23 vs. Roxana (FH)	5:45 p.m.
24 vs. Alton (EA)	7:15 p.m.
27 vs. Granite City (GC)	8:15 p.m.

February	
1 vs. Belleville West (FH)	7:45 p.m.
11 vs. Roxana (EA)	7:15 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS Overall record (0-1-1)

November	
17 vs. Collinsville (FH)	T 4-4
22 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 0-3
24 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	6:45 p.m.
28 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	6 p.m.

December	
5 vs. Alton (FH)	4:15 p.m.
7 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH)	7:45 p.m.
12 vs. Alton (EA)	8:15 p.m.
13 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	4:30 p.m.
19 vs. Granite City (GC)	8:15 p.m.
20 vs. Belleville East (FH)	8:15 p.m.
26 vs. Cahokia (CA)	5:15 p.m.
27 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:45 p.m.

January	
3 vs. Collinsville (FH)	4:30 p.m.
7 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	7:15 p.m.
12 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	7:45 p.m.
17 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	8:45 p.m.
23 vs. Alton (FH)	4:15 p.m.
24 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	8 p.m.
30 vs. Granite City (FH)	4:15 p.m.

February	
1 vs. Belleville East (FH)	7:45 p.m.
6 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:45 p.m.
21 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	7:15 p.m.

CAHOKIA COMANCHES Overall record (1-1-1)

November	
15 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	L 3-4
17 vs. Belleville West (EA)	8 p.m.
21 vs. Belleville East (CA)	W 4-1
28 vs. Granite City (CA)	5:15 p.m.

December	
5 vs. O'Fallon (CA)	5:15 p.m.
6 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	5:45 p.m.
12 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:15 p.m.
13 vs. Alton (FH)	7:45 p.m.
19 vs. Alton-Marquette (CA)	5:15 p.m.
20 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	5:45 p.m.
26 vs. Belleville West (CA)	4:15 p.m.
27 vs. Collinsville (FH)	5:30 p.m.

January	
2 vs. Cahokia (CA)	5:15 p.m.
9 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	5:15 p.m.
13 vs. Granite City (GC)	8:15 p.m.
16 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	5:45 p.m.

17 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:45 p.m.
23 vs. Edwardsville (CA)	5:15 p.m.
30 vs. Alton (FH)	5:15 p.m.

February	
6 vs. Collinsville (EA)	5:15 p.m.
14 vs. Alton (EA)	6:45 p.m.

COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS Overall record (2-2)

November	
12 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	L 3-8
17 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	L 3-5
18 vs. Belleville West (FH)	L 3-5
24 vs. Granite City (FH)	W 4-3
30 vs. Roxana (FH)	7:45 p.m.

December	
5 vs. Belleville East (FH)	6:45 p.m.
6 vs. Alton (FH)	7:30 p.m.
12 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	4:45 p.m.
13 vs. Alton (FH)	8:15 p.m.
27 vs. Cahokia (FH)	4:30 p.m.
28 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	8:15 p.m.

January	
3 vs. Belleville East (FH)	4:30 p.m.
6 vs. Granite City (GC)	8:15 p.m.
9 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:45 p.m.
15 vs. Belleville West (EA)	4:15 p.m.
17 vs. Alton (FH)	7:15 p.m.
18 vs. Collinsville (FH)	7:45 p.m.
24 vs. Alton (FH)	7:30 p.m.

February	
2 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH)	8:15 p.m.
6 vs. Cahokia (CA)	6:15 p.m.
11 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	8:45 p.m.
13 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)	4:15 p.m.

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS Overall record (0-1)

November	
10 vs. Granite City (EA)	L 3-4
22 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	4:30 p.m.
24 vs. Belleville West (FH)	6:45 p.m.
28 vs. Alton (EA)	5:45 p.m.

December	
2 vs. Alton (EA)	2:30 p.m.
12 vs. Collinsville (EA)	4:45 p.m.
13 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	8:45 p.m.
19 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	7:15 p.m.
20 vs. Cahokia (EA)	7:45 p.m.
27 vs. Belleville East (EA)	7:15 p.m.
30 vs. Granite City (GC)	8:15 p.m.

January	
1 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:45 p.m.
3 vs. O'Fallon (EA)	5:45 p.m.
9 vs. Cahokia (CA)	8:15 p.m.
10 vs. Alton (EA)	7:15 p.m.
19 vs. Collinsville (FH)	8:15 p.m.
23 vs. Edwardsville (CA)	5:15 p.m.

28 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	7:15 p.m.
30 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	2:30 p.m.

February	
7 vs. Belleville East (FH)	7:30 p.m.
13 vs. Alton (EA)	4 p.m.

FREEBURG BLUE RAGE Overall record (1-0)

November	
21 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	4:15 p.m.
28 vs. Wood River (FH)	5:45 p.m.

December	
1 vs. Highland (FH)	6:45 p.m.
5 vs. Piasa Southwest (EA)	5:30 p.m.
8 vs. Waterloo (FH)	6:45 p.m.
12 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	6:15 p.m.
13 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	7:15 p.m.
15 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	6:45 p.m.
20 vs. Wood River (EA)	2:30 p.m.
26 vs. Highland (EA)	8:45 p.m.
27 vs. Highland (EA)	8:45 p.m.

January	
4 vs. Piasa Southwest (FH)	7:45 p.m.
9 vs. Waterloo (FH)	5:45 p.m.
12 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	6:45 p.m.
17 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	4:30 p.m.
24 vs. Triad (FH)	4:30 p.m.
25 vs. Wood River (FH)	7:45 p.m.
26 vs. Highland (FH)	8:15 p.m.
30 vs. Piasa Southwest (EA)	5:30 p.m.

February	
7 vs. Waterloo (FH)	4:30 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS Overall record (2-1)

November	
10 vs. Alton-Marquette (GC)	W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	W 5-3
20 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)	6:15 p.m.

December	
2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	8:15 p.m.
5 vs. Roxana (GC)	8:15 p.m.
16 vs. Belleville West (GC)	8:15 p.m.
19 vs. Belleville East (FH)	7:45 p.m.
23 vs. Alton (GC)	8:15 p.m.
27 vs. Alton (FH)	7:30 p.m.
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)	8:15 p.m.

January	
6 vs. Collinsville (GC)	8:15 p.m.
9 vs. Alton (EA)	8:15 p.m.
13 vs. Cahokia (GC)	5:30 p.m.
20 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)	8:15 p.m.
24 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:45 p.m.
27 vs. Belleville West (GC)	8:15 p.m.
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)	4:15 p.m.

February	
2 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	8 p.m.
6 vs. Cahokia (CA)	8 p.m.
12 vs. Highland (EA)	8 p.m.
19 at Belleville West	8 p.m.
29 at Alton	8 p.m.

3 vs. Alton (FH)	8:15 p.m.
13 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	5:30 p.m.

MASCOUTAH INDIANS Overall record (0-0)

November	
21 vs. Freeburg (FH)	4:15 p.m.
13 vs. Wood River (EA)	5:45 p.m.
25 vs. Piasa Southwest (GC)	8:15 p.m.
29 vs. Jerseyville (FH)	4:30 p.m.

December	
8 vs. Highland (EA)	7:15 p.m.
8 vs. Triad (FH)	8:15 p.m.
13 vs. Wood River (EA)	5:45 p.m.
15 vs. Freeburg (FH)	6:45 p.m.
16 vs. Waterloo (FH)	6:45 p.m.
20 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	4 p.m.

January	
2 vs. Piasa Southwest (FH)	4:15 p.m.
5 vs. Highland (EA)	8:45 p.m.
10 vs. Triad (FH)	4:30 p.m.
11 vs. Wood River (FH)	7:45 p.m.
17 vs. Freeburg (FH)	4:30 p.m.
19 vs. Waterloo (FH)	6:45 p.m.
26 vs. Jerseyville (FH)	6:45 p.m.
28 vs. Piasa Southwest (EA)	8:45 p.m.

February	
6 vs. Wood River (EA)	5:30 p.m.
7 vs. Triad (FH)	8 p.m.
14 vs. Highland (FH)	8 p.m.

O'FALLON PANTHERS Overall record (2-0)

November	
14 vs. Belleville East (FH)	W 7-3
17 vs. Collinsville (FH)	W 5-3
22 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	4:30 p.m.
28 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	2:30 p.m.
29 vs. Alton (FH)	7:30 p.m.

December	
2 vs. Granite City (GC)	8:15 p.m.
6 vs. Cahokia (CA)	5:15 p.m.
13 vs. Belleville West (EA)	4:30 p.m.
16 vs. Belleville East (FH)	4:15 p.m.
20 vs. Roxana (FH)	7:30 p.m.
27 vs. Alton (FH)	8 p.m.
28 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)	8:15 p.m.
29 vs. Collinsville (FH)	8:15 p.m.

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Bowling results

Metro East Masters League

Week 3				
Round 2				
Division A				
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	Plus
Busch Mtn. Men	87	41	.679	35488
Miller Gen. Draft	81	47	.632	37761
Bovnette Ins.	79	50	.609	38193
Kuna Meats	55 1/2	72 1/2	.433	37668
West Park Bowl	51	77	.398	37656
Bowlers Shoppe	44	84	.343	38257

Division B				
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	Plus
Viviano's	82 1/2	45 1/2	.644	37343
Pasta House	77	51	.601	37610
Mike Booker Ins.	70 1/2	57 1/2	.550	38520
Heritage	57 1/2	72 1/2	.443	38056
Midwest Title	43 1/2	84 1/2	.339	39663
Aufenberg Ford	40 1/2	87 1/2	.316	37345

Individual Leaders

High Scratch Game	
Mike Lay	300
Jason Timmerman	300
Des Bourgeois	300
Jim Loesch Jr.	300
Randy Rau	300
High Average	
Randy Rau	804
Des Bourgeois	802
Jay Bradshaw	791
Mike Lay	775
Jim Loesch Sr.	774
High Average	
Todd Stewart	235.5
Mike Lay	232.0
Jay Bradshaw	229.3
Jim Loesch Sr.	227.0
Mike Mineman	224.2

Match Points Leaders

Todd Stewart	39.0
Jay Bradshaw	37.0
Mike Lay	36.5
Mike Mineman	34.5
Doug Kaup	33.5

Team Leaders

High Scratch Team Game	
Midwest Title	1029
Kuna Meats	1017
Viviano's	1006
Busch Mountain Men	987
West Park Bowl	980
High Scratch Team Series	
Midwest Title	2827
Mike Booker Insurance	2802
Kuna Meats	2785
Pasta House	2778
West Park Bowl	2767

MATCH RESULTS

Viviano's 23, Bowlers Shoppe 9.
High series: St. Clair Bowlers Shoppe — Charley Price 645, Mark Bray 616, Viviano's Italian Restaurant — Jason Timmerman 682, Mark Kisro 630.

Mike Booker Insurance 20 1/2, Bovnette Insurance 11 1/2. High series: Bovnette Insurance — John Bauer 688, Gary White 679, Miller Genuine Draft 712, Shawn Nickels 635.
Pasta House 19, Kuna Meats 13. High series: Pasta House — Jay Bradshaw 870, Jim Loesch Sr. 623, Kuna Meats — Randy Rau 681, Frank Viviano's Italian Restaurant 28, West Park Bowl 4. High series: Viviano's Italian Restaurant — Roger Klotz 656, Mark Kisro 633, West Park Bowl — Des Bourgeois 577, Jerry Anderson 536.
Bovnette Insurance 19 1/2, Midwest Title 12 1/2. High series: Bovnette Insurance — Steve Berger 717, Jana Luden 686, Midwest Title — Larry Christensen 734, Mike Lay 689.
Miller Genuine Draft 21, Pasta House 11. High series: Pasta House — Jay Bradshaw 721, John Bogacki 706, Miller Genuine Draft — Dan Parker 707, Jim Luden 686.
West Park Bowl 19, Midwest Title 12. High series: West Park Bowl — Des Bourgeois 802, Jim Nazzoli 685, Midwest Title — Mike Lay 729, Dennis

Etling 677.

Heritage Lincoln/Mercury 22 1/2, Kuna Meats 9 1/2. High series: Kuna Meats — Randy Rau 637, Brian Hammond 621, Doug Kaup 710, Tim Kohnen 641.

MATCH RESULTS

(Nov. 23)
Busch Mountain Men 21, Heritage Lincoln/Mercury 11. High series: Busch Mountain Men — Jim Loesch Sr. 695, Dan Kollch 645, Heritage Lincoln/Mercury: Doug Kaup 667, Chris Smith 659.

Aufenberg Ford 21, Bowlers Shoppe 11. High series: Aufenberg Ford: Mike Mineman 750, Todd Schmidt 723, Bowlers Shoppe: Steve Berk 728, Mark Bray 702.

Warriors allow late goals in 4-3 loss to Collinsville

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the first. Bronnauer never had a chance to get to the shot, which came from a nifty feed from Reed.

Despite the 1-1 score, the Warriors dominated the first period, outshooting the Kahoks 10-4. The Warriors never allowed the Kahoks power play — which went 0-for-3 — to get rolling.

They had us running around a little bit," Oberkell said. "But we managed to settle down and get the puck out when we had to. They were a fast team, and they pass the puck well. They swarmed our net extremely well and were playing havoc on our defense early."

The first real scoring chance of the game came at the 9:28 mark of the first period. Wesley had a short-handed breakaway for the Warriors, but Oliver made a great pad save.

"Chris keeps us hanging in there," Oberkell said. "He made the saves he needed. Obviously, he can't stop them all, but he comes up big when we need him."

With the Warriors controlling the tempo of the first period, the game came out physical in the second.

Collinsville defenseman Brandon Murphy rolled over Jared Brown, who remained on the ice several minutes after the hit. Murphy was sent to the box at 9:34 for cross-checking. But the Kahoks penalty-killing unit showed signs of what was to come by controlling the puck.

Collinsville had a three-on-one scoring chance short-handed, but the play was broken up. Nick Weisenborn also stole the puck in the Warriors' zone, but Bronnauer turned away his slapshot.

The Warriors' power play unit, which went 2-for-6, would not be denied later in the second period. After Weisenborn went off at 3:16 for slashing, the Warriors needed just 11 seconds to convert. Bill Cahill cycled the puck low to Bobby Meszaros, who fed a rink-wide pass to Greg Pritchard on the right wing. Oliver never had a chance on



Granite City's Bobby Meszaros assisted on the Warriors' second goal Tuesday as they built a 3-1 lead.

Pritchard's shot, which gave the Warriors a 2-1 lead.

The Kahoks increased their offensive pressure in the second but couldn't buy a goal until the third period.

With seven minutes remaining in the second, the Warriors and Weisenborn on a two-on-one, but Bronnauer made an outstanding kick save.

At the 6:12 mark, a blistering slapshot from Murphy at the point seemed to get under the Granite City netminder, but Bronnauer had the puck trapped under his body.

The best scoring chance for the Kahoks came at the 7:20 mark. Reed stole the puck inside the Warriors' zone and had a breakaway chance, but Bronnauer made the stop. With Bronnauer down on the ice and the puck loose, Reed couldn't get a stick on the puck before the whistle blew.

The Warriors had a great scoring chance on the power play at the 5:30 mark in the third. David Svejnar picked Murphy's pocket at the red line and passed to Meszaros, who gained the zone. Meszaros fed Brown, whose shot on goal was blocked. With Oliver down, the puck trickled across the crease, but Brett Solberger could not get a stick on the puck.

After a slow start this season, the Kahoks have won two in a row and are 2-2. Their next game is Monday against Roxana.

The Warriors, who had beaten 1997-98 MCHC runner-up Edwardsville and last year's Northern Conference runner-up Alton Marquette by one-goal margins to start the season, were scheduled to play faced Kahoka on Saturday. They will play O'Fallon on Wednesday.

Schwartz left many friends

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guard.

When I last spoke with him, I referred to the Cardinals of last season and how I didn't want him

staying on the disabled list.

"Don't count me out yet," he replied.

My sympathy to his wife Gloria, and sons Mike of Alton, Mo., and Tim of Palm Harbor, Fla.

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The tournament is for recreational and select divisions for boys and girls 17 through U-18. There will also be a division for over-18 men and over-30 men.

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Belleville Area College to conduct soccer clinic

The Belleville Area College Winter Soccer Clinic will be 7-9 p.m. on Jan. 5 and Jan. 7 and 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Jan. 9 at BAC's

intramural gym. The clinic, for boys and girls ages 8-16, costs \$25 per session or \$50 for all three sessions.

Instructors for the clinic include BAC head coach Larry Petri, assistant coach Chad Lignoul and current and former BAC players. BAC will also conduct a

parent/coaching soccer coaching clinic from 8-9 p.m. on Feb. 11 on the soccer field of BAC's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave. The clinic includes a half-hour lecture and 2 1/2 hours of practice. The cost is \$20.

For more information on either clinic, call the BAC athletic department at 2556-2700, extension 271.

Golf tournament

The annual New Year's Day Golf Tournament will be Jan. 1 at the Legacy Golf Course. The cost for the two-person flighted scramble is \$40 per player and includes a cart and prizes. The event begins with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. For more information, call 931-4653 or (314) 726-4653.

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GRANITE CITY WRESTLING

Warriors loaded for another bid to bring home state tourney hardware

Strong supporting cast backs Narvaez, Kirgan, Venne

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City High wrestling program enters the 1996-97 season ranked 12th in a state poll conducted by a newsletter called *The Illinois Best Weekly*.

Ho-hum. The Warriors have made a habit of reaching the IHSA Class AA state quarterfinals in each of the past three seasons — since the IHSA cancelled the 1995 state team competition.

The program has won five straight sectionals, seven consecutive regionals and seven straight Southwestern Conference championships.

"We take a lot of pride in what we have done," Granite City coach Mike Garland said. "Pride is a staple with the Granite City program, that reached another major milestone in 1997-98."

"We are coming off of a season where we became the only team in the nation to have 1,000 all-time dual-meet victories, which makes us the winningest wrestling program in the country," Garland said.

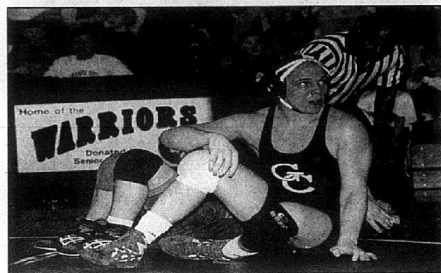
Garland and his wrestlers are not resting on any laurels however. They are more interested in building on the accomplishments this season.

But to continue the success, Garland will have to plug a few unexpected holes in the lineup.

"Chad Wilson (26-16 last year) is ineligible. He won't be back until next semester, so that kind of hurts us," Garland said. "Richie Carney (22-13) didn't come out. He was one of our heavyweights. David Kraus moved to Texas."

"So we'll be without those guys, but we'll just have to fill in and go with what we have. We still have some guys with varsity experience and others who have picked up experience at the lower levels."

"What's really going to help us is that Bobby Grammer wrestled at 215 pounds last year and he is dropping down to 189. He and Kevin Venne are switching positions. Last year, Bobby was a small 215-pounder. A lot of times he



Granite City senior Kevin Venne is looking for another state medal after his second-place finish in 1997.

just barely weighed over 200, so he was giving up 10, 12, 15 pounds, and now he is going to be wrestling guys his own weight. That should make him an even stronger wrestler. He's got to pick up his tempo because it's going to be a little bit quicker at 189, but that's going to depend on his work habits. He needs to pick up his tempo in the practice room. So that's going to make a big difference."

Grammer still managed to post a 23-12 record with 16 falls last winter as a freshman so he could help out a lineup that includes at least three state medal threats in Brooks Narvaez (45-5), George Kirgan (45-4) and Kevin Venne (43-7).

Narvaez, a senior, finished sixth in the IHSA state individual tournament at 145 pounds. Kirgan, who had an impressive sophomore campaign at 171 pounds and led the team in falls with 26, also qualified for state last year for the second season. Venne, who was second on the team with 25 falls, made his second appearance at state last year. He had finished second at 189 pounds the

previous campaign but failed to medal last season.

The lineup is solidified by veterans such as Ryan Worthen (29-19 last year), Ben Lofink (21-16) and Paul Johnson (17-11).

"Another big difference could be Ryan Worthen," Garland said. "He's wanting to wrestle at 140, which is what he wrestled at last year. If he can get down to that weight and hold it and be comfortable and strong, he can really be a factor there. He could really help us out."

Ben Lofink and Paul Johnson are coming off of pretty good years, but this is their senior year — the year they want to excel. They have the experience, they have the knowledge, it's just a matter of how much they want to push themselves to get to that next level, which for them would be the state tournament. They both got to the sectional qualifiers last year and hopefully they can take that next step and get to the state tournament."

The road to last year's state tournament included a detour late in the regular season with some discipline problems.

Garland like the way the team bounced back and finished the season.

"Last year, I had to suspend three guys from the team and kick two off for discipline problems," Garland said. "We had a shot of placing at state, but before the sectional tournament, I had to release those guys and it kind of hampered us."

"I was really proud of the team, though. We wrestled Chatham Glenwood, who had a better team than us when you take five guys out of our lineup. We beat them six times and they beat us eight times, but we pinned them five times and they didn't pin us at all. We ended up with what was — in my book — an upset. If we have our regular lineup in there, we beat them pretty good. But without those five kids, it was a tough match and I was really proud of the way the kids fought off the adversity of the decision that I had to make."

Sometimes you have to make those decisions. It isn't a matter of winning and losing; it's what's right and what's wrong, and at that time I did what I thought was best for the wrestling program — to release those guys and suspend the other ones."

"We got to state and once you get to that level and you're missing some guys, it's hard to compete. But I was still really proud of the kids, the way they came out of it. We still finished fifth in state, which is nothing to be ashamed of."

"Eventually we want to get up there and bring back a trophy."

The Warriors will have their mettle tested in what looks to be a strong Southwestern Conference.

"You have to figure because of their numbers that Belleville West will be good. They have a good crop in," Garland said. "Just about everybody has a lot of people coming back, which is going to make them better automatically."

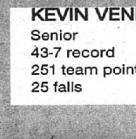
"It should be an interesting season."

WARRIORS FAB 5



GEORGE KIRGAN

Junior
45-4 record
261.5 team points
26 falls



KEVIN VENNE

Senior
43-7 record
251 team points
25 falls



BROOKS NARVAEZ

Senior
45-6 record
246.5 team points
16 falls



RYAN WORTHEN

Senior
29-19 record
152.5 team points
16 falls



BEN LOFINK

Senior
21-16 record
116 team points
11 falls

Granite City wrestling program records

GRANITE CITY WRESTLING RECORDS
Undeclared seasons
T.J. Slay (1994-95), 43-0, 130 pounds.
Bill Fuch (1965-67), 40-0, 103 pounds.
George Nemeth (1957-58), 23-0, 103 pounds.

Most matches won, career
Brent Davis (1988-89), 49-2-0.
T.J. Slay (1993-94), 46-3-0.

Most matches won, career
T.J. Slay (1992-95), 162-19-1.
Brent Davis (1988-89), 148-20-0.
Chris Janek (1983-86), 145-33-0.
Dean Perkins (1979-82), 141-9-2.
Jeff Estrada (1993-96), 134-48-0.
Greg Garland (1978-81), 122-18-1.
Joe Scott (1993-96), 121-45-0.
Tony Bucher (1992-95), 120-33-0.
John Venne (1993-96), 118-48-0.
Pat Scheffer (1990-93), 118-23-0.
Ryan King (1989-92), 117-24-1.
Tim Fulkerson (1992-95), 114-24-0.
Jonas Janek (1995-98), 114-36-0.
John Kelly (1995-98), 102-53-0.
Jerry Herbschman (1989-92), 101-42-1.

Consecutive matches won
George Nemeth (1957-58), 65.

Most IHSA state tournament victories
George Nemeth (1957-58), 25.

Most consecutive IHSA Tournament victories
George Nemeth (1957-58), 25.

Most falls, season
T.J. Slay (1993-94), 33, 125 pounds.
Bill Fuch (1965-66), 30, 95 pounds.

Most falls, career
T.J. Slay (1992-95), 96.
Bill Fuch (1963-66), 78.
Joe Scott (1993-96), 78.
Chris Janek (1993-96), 75.

Most team points, season
T.J. Slay (1993-94), 284 1/2.

Most team points, career
T.J. Slay (1992-95), 968 1/2.

Most first takedowns, season
T.J. Slay (1993-94), 42.

Most first takedowns, career
T.J. Slay (1992-95), 126.

Most total takedowns, season
Brooks Narvaez (1997-98), 135.

Most total takedowns, career
T.J. Slay (1992-95), 313.

Most technical falls, season
Brent Davis (1987-88), 9.

Most technical falls, career
Brooks Narvaez (1997-98), 9.

Granite City Warriors (Mid-States Schedule)

Date	Opponent	Rank	Time
Dec. 3	Hazelwood West	GC	7:00
Dec. 10	Hazelwood East	GC	7:00
Dec. 12	McCluer North	WG	11:00
Dec. 17	Fort Zumwalt North	GC	7:00
Dec. 21	Hazelwood Central	NC	9:00
Dec. 28	St. Charles West	CH	8:15
Jan. 1	St. Mary's	WG	11:00
Jan. 2	Priority	NC	2:30
Jan. 7	Hazelwood Central	GC	7:00

All opponents are from Missouri; Rinks are: GC — Granite City; AF — Affton; NC — North (St. Louis) County Recreation Complex; WG — Webster Groves; CH — U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Chesterfield.

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GRANITE CITY WRESTLING

Tradition of success continues for Warriors

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do it the more comfortable you get, the more you know what works for you and what doesn't."

Garland credits success to the wrestlers.

"No matter how good of a coach you think you are, you still have to have the kids who are willing to pay the price," Garland said.

And that's really something that you can say about the kids.

We have had wrestling at Granite City for 63 years and —knock on wood— we have never had a losing season. It's really almost unheard of.

There's a lot of adversity and a lot of changes and a lot of things that go on, but to keep wrestling and to continue winning really tells you something about the kids.

"We've never failed to qualify (individuals) for the state tournament, and that's even more amazing because you have to place in two tournaments to even get to state. I think that it's a real tribute to the kids that year in and year out, regardless of the circumstances, where the coaches are coming and going, kids quitting, kids not coming out, all those things, there's still that winning tradition. I think it makes a difference in our practice room."

And we aren't talking about a sport in which one can participate passively.

"That's why we only have 30-something kids come out for wrestling every year, because wrestling isn't for everybody," Garland said.

"A lot of kids aren't tough enough to wrestle. They come out and can't handle it and end up quitting. It takes a special kid to want to do it."

The Warriors traditionally have not backed down from anyone either, traveling to some top tournaments to get the wrestlers quality experience before the state meet.

"We wrestle about half of the top 25 teams in the state, and that's a big tribute to our scheduling," Garland

"We have had wrestling at Granite City for 63 years and —knock on wood— we have never had a losing season. It's really almost unheard of. There's a lot of adversity and a lot of changes and a lot of things that go on, but to keep wrestling and to continue winning really tells you something about the kids."

Mike Garland
Granite City coach

said. "By the time we get to the state tournament, we've already wrestled all of these top schools. The better the competition, the better you're going to be, so I'm taking a lot of my schedule up north. I'm glad that our athletic director (Jerry McKeehan) and our school district allow me to do that. Without the OK from them this wouldn't be possible. It makes a big difference. It kind of goes hand-in-hand with the success."

One of the ways Garland measures success is by using a picture of Rodney Dangerfield — the comedian who talks about respect on a ledge in the wrestling room. The picture is bumped farther away from Garland's desk to make room for a new picture each time a Granite City grappler achieves success at state.

"When I got here, that picture of Rodney Dangerfield was all the way down here at this end with nobody in front of it. So since I've been here this is what we've done," Garland said, pointing to 11 framed photos of about state place-winners, each posing with a banner in the shape of the Land of Lincoln. "As long as Rodney Dangerfield keeps moving down the other way, I know things are all right."

Warriors season records

GRANITE CITY SEASON-BY-SEASON									
Year	Coach	W	L	T	1970	William "Red" Schmitt	16	2	0
1934	Bob English	5	5	0	1971	William "Red" Schmitt	14	3	0
1935	Bob English	7	5	4	1972	William "Red" Schmitt	18	0	0
1936	Bob English	7	5	2	1973	William "Red" Schmitt	21	0	0
1937	Bob English	8	4	1	1974	William "Red" Schmitt	19	2	0
1938	Bob English	10	2	0	1975	William "Red" Schmitt	19	1	1
1939	Bob English	10	3	0	1976	William "Red" Schmitt	20	2	0
1940	Bob English	10	3	0	1977	William "Red" Schmitt	22	2	0
1941	Lawrence McCauley	8	2	0	1978	William "Red" Schmitt	21	1	0
1942	Don Klenfen	5	2	0	1979	William "Red" Schmitt	22	1	0
1943	Ted Seabrooke	5	2	0	1980	William "Red" Schmitt	23	1	0
1944	Ted Seabrooke	7	1	0	1981	William "Red" Schmitt	21	1	0
1945	Ted Seabrooke	8	0	0	1982	William "Red" Schmitt	16	7	0
1946	Lawrence McCauley	5	0	0	1983	William "Red" Schmitt	15	10	0
1947	Lawrence McCauley	0	6	0	1984	William "Red" Schmitt	16	9	0
1948	Lawrence McCauley	10	0	0	1985	William "Red" Schmitt	24	4	0
1949	Lawrence McCauley	14	0	0	1986	Walt Whitaker	21	3	0
1950	Vernon Orr	6	4	0	1987	Walt Whitaker	17	3	0
1951	William "Red" Schmitt	14	0	0	1988	Mike Garland	15	9	1
1952	William "Red" Schmitt	11	0	1	1989	Mike Garland	23	10	0
1953	William "Red" Schmitt	10	0	1	1990	Mike Garland	14	8	0
1954	William "Red" Schmitt	8	2	0	1991	Mike Garland	18	3	0
1955	William "Red" Schmitt	12	0	0	1992	Mike Garland	26	1	0
1956	William "Red" Schmitt	14	0	0	1993	Mike Garland	27	1	0
1957	William "Red" Schmitt	14	2	0	1994	Mike Garland	26	2	0
1958	William "Red" Schmitt	16	1	0	1995	Mike Garland	25	0	0
1959	William "Red" Schmitt	15	2	0	1996	Mike Garland	24	1	1
1960	William "Red" Schmitt	16	1	0	1997	Mike Garland	26	2	0
1961	William "Red" Schmitt	16	1	0	1998	Mike Garland	24	1	0
1962	William "Red" Schmitt	20	1	0	TOTAL		1003	145	10
1963	William "Red" Schmitt	16	1	0	Coaches' career records at Granite City: Bob English, 53-22-2; Lawrence McCauley, 43-1-0; Don Klenfen, 5-2-0; Ted Seabrooke, 20-3-1; Vernon Orr, 6-4; William "Red" Schmitt, 589-70-5; Walt Whitaker, 38-6-0; Mike Garland, 249-37-2.				
1964	William "Red" Schmitt	16	2	0	Whitaker's career coaching record of 217-34-4 includes 178-28-4 record at Granite City North.				
1965	William "Red" Schmitt	18	0	0					

Program honors

GRANITE CITY WRESTLING ACCOLADES Conference Championships

Year	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
1971	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998

IHSAA Regional Championships

Year	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
1974	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998

IHSAA Sectional Championships

Year	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
1974	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998

Warriors state place-winners

GRANITE CITY STATE PLACE-WINNERS				1962	Buddy Felchin	133	Second
				1963	Richard Bledsoe	103	Second
				1964	Richard Bledsoe	120	Third
Year	Wrestler	Wt	Place	1965	Steve Cavanaugh	112	Second
1937	Leon Mullen	95	Second	1966 <td>Bill Fuchs</td> <td>95</td> <td>Second</td>	Bill Fuchs	95	Second
1938	Bob Beyer	135	FIRST		Bill Fuchs	95	Second
	Jack Fricker	95	Second		Joe Martinez	103	Third
1939	Wayne Ziegler	105	Third		Mike Reynolds	112	Fourth
1940	Bill Haven	125	FIRST	1967	Bill Fuchs	103	FIRST
	Mike Starke	165	Second	1968	Rick Smith	145	Sixth
1941	Jack Fricker	105	Third	1969	Bruce Miller	106	Sixth
	Charles McDonald	105	Third		Bruce Miller	105	Sixth
	Bob Skelton	Hwt	Fourth		Doug Wilson	126	Fourth
	Wayne Ziegler	175	Third	1972	Kevin Niebur	126	Sixth
1942	Bob Forshee	165	Fourth		Doug Wilson	132	Second
	Charles McDonald	115	Third	1973	Dan Heath	132	Sixth
1943	Sam Avedesian	Hwt	Fourth		Phil Lapinski	105	Fourth
	Tom Coniglio	115	Second		John Niebur	119	Fifth
1944	Carl Grunwald	145	Second	1974*	Russ Halbrook	98	Sixth
	Chid Hagauer	95	Third		John Niebur	119	Fifth
1945	Charles Merzian	105	FIRST		Brian Wilson	155	Fourth
	Harold Ritchie	135	Second		Kevin Page	119	Fifth
1946	Charles Merzian	112	FIRST	1977	Kevin Wilson	185	Fifth
	Harold Ritchie	138	Second	1978	Darrell Hasty	145	Third
1947	Tom Carmody	165	Second		Sam Perkins	138	Second
1948	Paul Schuler	135	Second	1979	Barry Forshoe	126	Sixth
	Jim Saliner	Hwt	Fourth	1980	Dean Perkins	145	Third
	Walt Wilson	145	Fourth		Dean Perkins	145	Third
1949	Max Clinar	112	Third	1981	Greg Garland	105	Sixth
1950	Neal Kirchner	165	Fourth	1982	Dean Perkins	119	Fifth
	Gus Koesterer	103	Third	1983	Jeff Cotter	98	Sixth
1951	Tom Loyet	127	Fourth	1984	Brent Davis	125	Third
	David Wilson	120	Fourth	1985	Pat Scheffer	103	Fifth
1952	James Bledsoe	130	Second	1986	Tony Buchek	171	Second
1953	Pat Clino	165	Fourth	1987	John Fulkerson	275	Second
1954	Jasper Chepley	133	Fourth		Chris Janek	112	Fourth
1955	Pat Clino	133	Second		Tom Stay	130	FIRST
1956	William Harris	154	Fourth	1996	John Venne	160	FIRST
1957	Don Mega	120	Third		Chris Janek	275	Second
	George Nemeth	95	FIRST		Bobby Chaulsett	112	Fourth
1958	Pat Clino	133	Second	1997	Kevin Venne	180	Second
	George Nemeth	103	FIRST		Brooks Narvaez	145	Sixth
	Thomas Sparks	138	Fourth				
1959	Buddy Felchin	127	Fourth				
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Automotive

Volkswagen scores hit with redesigned Jetta

By Tom Strongman

PALM DESERT, CALIF. — Volkswagen's all-new Golf and Jetta seemed as bright as the November sun of southern California.

The introduction of this duo, along with a freshened Cabrio convertible, brings VW's product line up to date and completes an overhaul that began with the Passat and New Beetle.

"We don't intend to be the Beetle company, with only one successful model," Ferdinand Piech said as he showed the new models to the automotive press.

Piech, chairman of VW's Board of Management and grandson of Ferdinand Porsche, creator of the original Volkswagen, has been instrumental in rejuvenating Audi and VW with bold new products.

Jettas should be trickling into showrooms, while the Golf and Cabrio should be available in January. Compared with comparably equipped 1998s, prices for the new models are up only \$30, yet additional features such as rear disc brakes, 15-inch wheels, telescoping steering column, height-adjustable passenger seat and remote entry are standard. The Golf GL starts at \$14,900 and the Jetta GL at \$16,700. Top-of-the-line, luxury models range to \$21,500.

That Volkswagen is on a roll can be seen in its rapidly rising sales figures. Jens Neumann, chairman of Volkswagen's North American Region, said he expects

1998 sales to be around 220,000, five times greater than the 49,000 vehicles VW sold in 1993.

In Europe, where hatchbacks are more popular, the Golf is the best seller, but the exact opposite is true in this country. The new Jetta is expected to account for as much as 65 percent of next year's U.S. sales.

In years past, the Jetta was essentially a Golf with a trunk grafted on, but now there is greater difference between the two. The 1999 Jetta looks for all the world like a three-fourths-scale Passat.

The Golf and Jetta platform is used for seven vehicles, including the New Beetle, the European Audi A3 and the upcoming Audi TT sports coupe. Its rigid structure sets a tone that defines the rest of the vehicle. Attention to detail is abundant, including thin and precise cut lines between body panels. On the four-door Golf, for example, the outline of the back door is a perfectly parallel, mirror image of the one for the rear hatch.

In addition to eliminating squeaks and groans, the stronger body structure helps mute engine and road noise while providing a solid platform on which to mount the suspension.

In the course of a day's driving I sampled a Jetta GLS with automatic transmission and Golf GTI five-speed, both powered by the 174-horse V6-6 engine. This narrow-angle V-6 has the muscles of Popeye and the sophistication of Baryshnikov. It leaps away from stops like you are late for dinner and cruises effortlessly at speeds more common on the autobahn than the Interstate.

Both the Golf GTI and Jetta GLS were solid performers. The Jetta was tight and secure, like a mini-luxury sedan; the GTI V6-6, on the other hand, was an absolute blast, especially while snaking through the mountains. I owned an original GTI back in 1984, and it was as rambunctious as a teenager who had eaten too much

sugar. The new one, however, feels grown up and mature, fast but composed. It knifes clean arcs through corners with very little body lean, and at high speeds it is serene and relaxed.

Inside, the level of fit and finish was first rate. Seats were firm and supportive, the instrument panel elegant in its simplicity. Leather-like textures similar to the Audi A4 look modern and create an upscale tone. Gauges are housed in a large hood behind the steering wheel, and at night they glow blue with red needles, a color scheme inspired by airport runway landing lights, according to Piech.

If there is any complaint about the instrument layout, it would be that no in-dash CD players are available, and radio and climate controls would be easier to see if they were moved up a couple of inches.

The back seat has headrests and three-point belts for all three seating positions. The seat folds down for expanded cargo capacity, but the pass-through of the Jetta is somewhat restrictive. The Golf's flexibility is appealing because it functions almost like a small station wagon or tiny minivan.

With the arrival of the new Jetta and the Golf, the turn-around of Volkswagen's product line is nearing completion. These new cars are light-years ahead of the old ones in build quality, function and performance. The sales doldrums of 1993 now look pretty distant, and Volkswagen appears to be once again in the lexicon of new-car shoppers.

Jetta prices range from \$16,900 for the GL to \$22,500 for the fully loaded GLX. The GLS with the V6-6 begins at \$19,950.

The standard warranty is for two years or 24,000 miles, which is shorter than most others, but all scheduled maintenance is free for two years. The powertrain is guaranteed for 10 years or 100,000 miles.

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Points & Plugs

"Traffic calming" has supporters, opponents

By Rick Stoff

Coming soon to a street near you — if it hasn't arrived already — is an old phenomenon with a new name: traffic calming.

Calming is a recent term describing efforts to slow traffic and hopefully, send it elsewhere. Calming takes the form of stop signs, barricades, speed bumps and lowered speed limits. It usually is welcomed by people living along the targeted roadway and despised by those who travel it.

"Traffic calming is not new. It is just a new label that is applied to a lot of traffic engineering and public works techniques," said Mike Right, public affairs director of the Automobile Club of Missouri.

"Not everybody is going to be happy with traffic calming measures. These are neighborhood situations, and not every body is going to be in agreement," Right said.

Traffic calming is a response to conflicting human desires. People would like to live on streets that are quiet and if possible, private. People driving from Point A to Point B would like to use the shortest and most convenient route.

"By and large, people are going to be in favor of reducing the number of vehicles passing in front of their homes, especially when children are playing," Right said. "When you do restrict access, somebody is going to be disappointed by it."

Increasing traffic volumes are leading some municipalities to consider or install calming devices. Creve Coeur recently installed a series of curbed barriers in a "traffic calming pilot project" along a street that, legend has it, just happens to serve the home of a City Council member. The barriers intermittently restrict opposing lanes of traffic to one lane, meaning oncoming vehicles must stop when meeting.

The National Motorist Organization has taken a position against traffic calming, arguing that localized measures overlook systemic problems with traffic flow.

"The term traffic calming is simply a device to put a favorable spin on tactics used to obstruct, divert and slow traffic," says the association's statement on the issue.

Proponents of these tactics are usually persons who live along urban or suburban streets and object to motor vehicle traffic passing by their homes. Their desired objective is to divert traffic to other streets outside their neighborhood.

The association says residents of a neighborhood often are successful in obtaining relief because, obviously, they live there, "unlike motorists who simply pass through a community."

The association says traffic calming measures can slow emergency vehicles; simply shift traffic congestion to other streets; increase air pollution, street maintenance costs and vehicle wear; and "create neighborhood friction" when residents of nearby neighborhoods discover their tax dollars are being used to slow their progress.

AMA suggests that "The real solution is to upgrade and improve the traffic handling capabilities of main thoroughfares."

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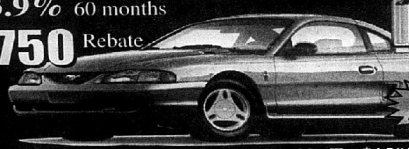
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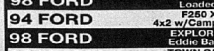
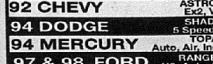
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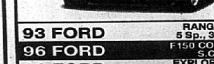
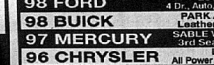
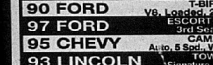
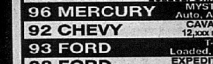




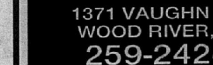

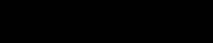











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